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REPORTER

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— Lucy Blanco-Maratita, Public School System's Board of Education chair

Department of Education will not be used for education but instead go to government payroll.

Lucy Blanco-Maratita says it is disappointing some of the funds allocated to the CNMI under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund section of the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be used for other things besides education.

By law, 81.8 percent must go  
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## \$100M investment proposed to CPA

Seaport tenants, CUC Power Plant 1 could be relocated

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REPORTER

between the Allegiance Capital Corp. and the CNMI government.

A source privy to the issue

A U.S. company recently met with officials of the Commonwealth Ports Authority and is proposing to infuse \$100 million in investment to the Saipan seaport.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that a 25-year lease agreement is being drafted



Camacho

disclosed that Allegiance Capital wants to plunk down over \$100 million to the entire Lower Base dry dock property of CPA in line with the company's project with the military.

Last Friday, CPA  
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## Power, ferry, and Rota park rank high in CEDS plan of 34 projects

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REPORTER

The final draft of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic (CEDS)

plan ranked high the needed improvements on the power generation on Saipan, an inter-island super ferry worth some \$40 million, and the Pinatang

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Students from Rota Junior High School and Sinapalo Elementary School pose for a group photo at the 14th Annual Academic Bee Challenge at the Pedro P. Tenoio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Saturday. The Rota Junior High School team emerged as champions at the event, hosted by the Marianas High School Honor Society.

## Rota Jr. High wins Academic Bee Challenge

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School emerged as this year's Academic Bee Challenge champion that saw students from fourth to sixth grades competing.

Kelina Hocog, Franory Lynn Mesngon, Beda Mundo, John Quitugua III, and Bri Annie Taimanao bested 70 other contenders during Saturday's competition at Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Organized by Marianas High School's National  
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The five-member team of Rota Junior High



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Members of the Rota Junior High School confer with each other during Saturday's 14th Annual Academic Bee Challenge where they emerged as champions.

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## Local

# Fernandez's contract renewal on Regents' table

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The two-year contract of Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez is set to expire next month and the Board of Regents is weighing on the decision whether to renew her employment contract or not.

BOR chair Charles V. Cepeda last Friday confirmed that Fernandez's contract is now being reviewed by the board's human resource committee which will make recommendations to the full board.

"It's in the board's HR committee," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that this week's board

assembly will discuss the president's 'fate.'"

Prior to becoming the NMC president in May 2007, Fernandez was a former senator in Guam and ex-president at the University of Guam.

She succeeded Antonio Deleon Guerrero at NMC after the former retired in August 2006.

It was on April 26, 2007, when the Board of Regents chose Fernandez to assume the post. She bested lone opponent Dr. Cecilia Salvatore of Emporia University.

From a pool of 12 candidates, the two were the remaining finalists chosen by the committee for the post.

NMC board approved an annual pay of \$80,000 for Fernandez. She also was given a \$800 monthly housing allowance—a concern that was raised since the start of her reign citing it was in violation of the college's policy. The board then defended that the

president of NMC is not a regular employee and is not prevented to receive the housing benefits based on HR Policy 1414.



Fernandez

Fernandez's annual pay was then subject to the across-the-board 10 percent cut implemented by the government.

Upon assuming position on May 5, 2007, Fernandez readily started the progress report for NMC's accreditation.

Until a new mandate from the accrediting commission was received in August requiring NMC to address only in a year all the accreditation concerns—

instead of the usual two-year timeframe.

NMC by then was in probation status until WASC places the institution to the severe sanction of show-cause status in February 2008. The show cause sanction was extended last January.

Fernandez, who has been in the position for less than two years, was bombarded by criticisms due to her management style. However, despite all the controversy,

all reports to WASC were timely submitted in March, October, and April this year.

It was early this year when issues against Fernandez were heightened resulting in the resignation of board member and former NMC president Agnes McPhetres.

Faculty senate leaders had also expressed concern on the "climate of fear" and "dissatisfaction" existing among faculty and employees.

In a recent interview with Fernandez, the president said she "stands strong for the students."

## Laolao Bay Resort supports boat launching site bill

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REPORTER

The president of Saipan Laulau Development Inc. said the company backs a bill to designate Lau Lau Bay as a boat launching site for emergencies.

"We are very supportive of the proposed [bill] regarding a boat launching facility at Lau Lau Bay, addressing the public benefit which will enable a quicker response to emergencies in the eastern coastline of Saipan," president Yun Kim said in a letter to Rep. Rosemond Santos.

Kim also thanked Santos for allowing the resort officials to comment on the bill.

Saipan Laulau Development

Inc. is building a multi-million "golftel" in the area.

Under House Bill 16-219, the shore fronting Bantalan Aliman at Lau Lau Bay will be designated as a boat launching site to assist local subsistence fishers and improve emergency response times.

"Every minute in a rescue operation is precious, and can make a difference in 'rescuing' rather than 'recovering' a drowning victim," the bill stated.

Vice Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, the author of the legislation, noted that four students drowned in 2007, when a wave struck the group on the southern side of Forbidden Island. Also, there have been other reported

drownings, the measure said.

"The Legislature finds that rescue boats launching from the Smiling Cove Marina are confronted with many challenging variables in trying to conduct a search and rescue operation on the east side of the island. Rescue times can vary depending upon weather and water conditions, and can have an impact on the success of the rescue operation," it read.

The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources will establish the site and temporarily delineate the boat launching corridor to provide for the immediate use of the site until a permanent structure is established.

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ROTA

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Honor Society, the event marked the 14th year the Academic Bee Challenge was held in the CNMI. It saw the participation of 15 primary schools from both public and private.

National Honor Society adviser Lyvonn Taisacan said Saturday's event was the first time Rota Junior High ever participated in the Academic Bee Challenge.

The team members, along with their teachers and coaches, were awarded individual medals, trophy, and certificates of recognition.

Emerging second best team was Calvary Christian Academy's Sanannah Lyn Delos Santos, Hyn Bin Huang, Ye Young Lee, Grant Rhee, and Tiana Mahealani Runjo, while third place went to the San Vicente Elementary team comprised of Joann Bandalas, Ann Jeline Manabat, Johnny Penalosa, Gayatri Nandwani, and Solomon Ko.

During the three-hour competition, teams went through a total of 41 questions covering various subject areas like English, math, science, history, and social studies.

There were 20 questions classified as easy, 15 categorized as medium, and six labeled as hard questions which required more critical thinking and

analysis.

The competition, conceptualized locally for schools in the CNMI, aims to better promote learning among students.

"Our objective is just to get students come together, provide them an opportunity to academically compete with each other, and provide them a fun way of getting them motivated to study in schools," said Taisacan.

Elated by the turnout, she said the 15 schools is a new record for the annual competition.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that there were 16 schools who pre-registered for the event but Tanapag Elementary did not show up.

Taisacan said that there were an es-

timated 75 students who spent almost two months for the competition rounds.

Every year, she said, teams show better preparations, good sportsmanship, competitiveness, and enthusiasm in the Academic Bee Challenge.

The 15 schools that joined Saturday's competition included William S. Reyes, San Vicente, Oleai, Kagman Elementary, Dandan, Gregorio T. Camacho, Garapan Elementary, Koblerville, Mount Carmel School, Ladera International School, Saipan International School, Sinapalo Elementary, Calvary Christian Academy, Saipan Community School, and Rota Junior High.

MHS' National Honor Society has over 60 members who continue to in-

spire their peers as role models in the community.

Besides organizing the Academic Bee challenge for elementary students, the society also conducts numerous community service and programs including beach cleanups, Christmas caroling for elderly and hospital patients, and initiate leadership conference for youths every year.

To become a member of the National Honor Society, a student must have good character and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

Last February, Saipan Southern High School National Honor Society conducted the Academic Bee Challenge for junior high schools, which was won by a team from Marianas Baptist Academy.

POWER

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Beach Park on Rota among 34 projects estimated to cost nearly \$500 million.

The CEDS Commission ranked the projects according to their ability to spur economic development.

The economic plan lists priority projects from 2009 to 2014 using factors such as job creation, private investment and public benefit, as well as cites challenges and opportunities for the CNMI.

"Efforts have been made to identify the potential for new and promising industries, as well as to find creative new sources of funding, including the use of public-private partnerships, to achieve the CNMI's development goals," said the CEDS Commission in a report sent to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Other priority projects include a public housing in Garapan, a \$2 million revitalization of the Garapan commercial district, relocation of Garapan Elementary School, establishment of a Rota farmers' cooperative, an instrument landing system for Tinian worth \$8 million, and the rehabilitation of the Tinian seaport.

Besides the loss of the garment industry and the downturn in tourism since 2005, the CEDS Commission

also cited other economic challenges, including another 50-cent hike in the minimum wage in May and the uncertainties over federalization.

Federalization, according to the CEDS Commission, could lead to an almost total loss of the Russian and Chinese tourists, a reduction in the number of foreign investors who will qualify to live and work in the CNMI.

Labor shortage is also expected from the phasing out of the CNMI's foreign worker program over a five-year transition period.

"Higher costs of processing foreign labor visas once U.S. regulations take effect for various types if visas," the CEDS Commission said in its final draft plan.

One bright spot on the horizon is the planned move of Marines relocating from Okinawa to Guam, although this will undoubtedly bring both positive and negative challenges.

The CEDS study identified several infrastructure developments that would help encourage the military's use of Tinian for training, such as road and harbor improvements, the construction of a sanitary landfill and sewage treatment facilities.

"However, it is uncertain at this time whether the military would help share in the substantial costs of the construc-

tion of these infrastructure improvements," the commission said.

It also said that Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will see additional tourists with the anticipate growth of the Guam population by the military. "Any investments in new attractions and other destination enhancements for the islands would help promote more tourism," it added.

But an anticipated downside to the growth of the military base on Guam will be a regional labor shortage.

The CEDS Commission said there have already been a significant number of local CNMI families that have moved to Guam to pursue higher paying job opportunities. It said more foreign workers are also expected to move to Guam.

The likely effect of this will be high turnover costs and an upward pressure on wages and benefits to compete with Guam employers, the commission said.

For this reason, regional workforce planning and training by organizations like the Workforce Investment Agency will become a critical element of future economic recovery.

The CEDS Commission is co-chaired by Lynn Knight and Commerce Secretary Michael J. Ada. It hired as consultant the Virginia-based Management Analysis Inc.

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executive director Efrain F. Camacho confirmed that a company has expressed interest in leasing the big portion of seaport property.

"Yes a company has expressed interest in leasing the whole seaplane ramp area at Lower Base belonging to CPA," he admitted, adding that the agency will work on addressing a possible lease.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the private company is being assisted by former CNMI Attorney General Matthew Gregory who is coordinating with the CPA legal counsel on the drafting of the lease agreement.

The whole seaplane ramp area in Lower Base currently is the site of a submarine station, a restaurant, and the holding area for Tinian boats.

Once finalized, these facilities need to be relocated and will be paid by the company based on the proposed plan of use for the area.

The source said prior to coming to CPA, which will authorize the lease on the property, company officials met and presented the proposal to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Based on the proposal, the whole dry

dock area will be used for big vessels in connection with the U.S. military buildup in Guam.

Three big vessels are expected to dock all at the same time in the lease area, according to the proposal.

The project, the source added, was approved by the military.

**Relocation of CUC Power Plant 1**

*Saipan Tribune* learned that besides the seaport stakeholders and tenants who may be affected by the relocation, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Power Plant 1 will also be transferred to a new site.

However, the decision to allow the use of CUC's property for the military project lies with the administration.

*Saipan Tribune* was told that if this pushes through, the undertaking will be one of the biggest investments so far infused to the Saipan port.

Once the lease is signed, processing of the local and federal permits is expected within two years.

About 8,000 U.S. Marines are expected to be transferred from Okinawa Japan to Guam starting in 2012. The CNMI is expected to economically benefit from the plan as portions of Tinian may be used for training sites.

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toward education, while the remaining 18.2 percent can go to public safety and other government services, including assistance for elementary and secondary education and public institutions of higher education. It can also be used for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities and higher education facilities.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said he would use the 18.2 percent discretionary fund, estimated to be about \$8 million, to cover the payroll costs for government employees for the rest of the fiscal year.

"I think it's rather appalling that the funds identified for education will be used for other purposes," Blanco-

Maratita said in an e-mail. "Once again, such actions do not mesh with making education a priority for the CNMI and goes against the intent and letter of the law. Where is the protection and advocacy for our children's education if the governor/government does not even want to abide by the federal law?"

PSS' application seeks funding to restore teaching positions, which were cut when the PSS budget was decreased in 2006, she said. The application for funds has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Education and the Governor's Office.

"Such restoration will help in meeting our students' needs," Blanco-Maratita added.

A "turf battle" between PSS and the Fitial administration has been brewing,

after Fitial, along with the governors of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa, wrote to President Obama last month asking to let the Department of Interior administer the stabilization funds, not the Department of Education.

Herman Guerrero, Board of Education vice chairman, said he is opposed to Interior controlling and disbursing the money.

"I'm not interested in DOI having the funds. We still want U.S. [Department of] Education to have control because we've been working with them," he said, noting PSS and BOE officials earlier met with officials from the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Fitial noted in the letter with the other governors that the stimulus law

mandates the Secretary of Education to consult with the Secretary of the Interior on the needs and conditions of the funds.

"By including this requirement, Congress recognized that the outlying areas, in fact, have unique needs that may be better understood and better addressed by [Interior] which has the most historical and administrative experience with the island territories," the letter said.

The Board of Education is drafting its own letter to Obama, saying they don't agree with Fitial and, under the Constitution, education is the responsibility of the BOE, Guerrero said.

There will be less hassle if the U.S. Department of Education distributes the money, Guerrero said.

Moreover, Fitial didn't have the

courtesy to tell PSS he was writing Obama asking the Interior to take control of the funds, the vice chair said.

"He's doing things behind our back without proper consultation," Guerrero said of Fitial.

Charles Reyes, press secretary for the Governor's Office, said the administration hopes to work out the issues with the school system.

"They may want to get money directly," the press secretary said. "We heard they may not be happy because everything has to go through the Governor's Office. My feedback, what I heard, is PSS administration wants to have direct control. There may be some sort of turf battle going on. We're going to try to work it out, because I think there might be some kind of misunderstanding."

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sion adopted the regulations as "final" during a March 6 meeting and the final regulations were published in the Commonwealth Register on March 26, copies of which were released last week.

The entire proposed rules and regulations published in the Commonwealth Register on Dec. 22, 2008 were amended to reflect reduced fees to entice casino investors to

Rota in light of the current economic difficulties.

Within 10 years after gaming operations begin, the conditional casino licensee is also required to demonstrate a phased development timeline where the total investment in the casino project will be no less than \$25 million.

The license application filing fee was also reduced by 90 percent or from \$100,000 to \$10,000. The commission also reduced its casino license fee, from a flat rate of \$200,000 a year to a tiered rate of \$150,000 for

one year, \$300,000 for three years, and \$400,000 for five years.

The commission said the positive changes will allow Rota to be one of the, if not the most, favorable gaming jurisdictions to invest and operate a casino in.

From 1991 to 2003, Rota tried four times to allow casino operation without success through public initiative.

However, in November 2007, Rota voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of the public initiative to allow casino gaming. 85 percent of the votes cast

voted in favor of the initiative, now known as the Rota Casino Act of 2007.

The Act provides for the establishment of a Rota Casino Gaming Commission which has five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Rota Municipal Council.

The commission said investing on Rota can be mutually beneficial to both investors and the people of Rota because of the island's rich history and tradition of having the friendliest people in the Marianas and with the protection of the American judicial system

and U.S. laws.

"If you are serious in investing on Rota, you may find Rota a perfect choice of location for your casino, with Guam as your closest customer base and China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Manila with only three to five hours flight time to Rota," the commission said.

In the CNMI, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino operates a five-star casino, although three other investors are now working on developing new casinos on Tinian.



## MRDC redesigning its Tinian resort plans

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REPORTER

The Marianas Resort Development Corp. is redesigning their plans for a multi-million resort on Tinian because of wa-

ter leakage from a solid waste dump, according to Department of Public Lands Secretary John Del Rosario.

The Secretary said the corporation is changing its plans for the planned Matua Bay Re-

sort because the main facility is where a dump stands. The redesign should be ready by the end of the month, he added.

He noted that the Coastal Resources Management Office already approved the permits for

the resort.

The dumpsite, which is the only depository of solid waste on the island, was a major obstacle

for the hotel. Plans had been underway to build a new dumpsite.

The hotel is estimated to cost between \$200 to \$300 million,

attorney and former superior court judge Edward Manibusan, who is involved in planning the hotel, earlier said.

## Company sues Guam firm over shipping dispute

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REPORTER

Mid Pacific Salvage Ins. sued Smithbridge Guam Inc. (SGI) for breach of marine contract.

Mid Pacific asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order SGI to pay \$19,344 in compensatory damages plus interest.

Attorney Timothy Bellas, counsel for plaintiff, stated in the complaint that on June 15, 2006, SGI inquired through an employee the cost for shipping certain items from Guam to Rota and thereafter back to Guam.

Bellas said at the time of the inquiry, Mid Pacific had a prior and ongoing business relationship with SGI.

He said the items which SGI's agent inquired about transporting consisted of a unit of heavy equipment and various tools and other equipment.

Bellas said all of the items transported by his client all belong to SGI but were being leased to IOTA Partners for its use in underwater exploration activities to be carried on in the waters off of Rota.

The lawyer said in order to transport the heavy equipment (350 Caterpillar Excavator) off Guam, SGI was required to provide proof that the lender who has a lien on the excavator was allowing the equipment to be transported to Rota.

Mid Pacific shipped all the items from Guam to Rota aboard its barge named the *Francesca IV* which was towed by the motor tug named Don Juan Tenorio.

Bellas said the excavator and other items which belong to SGI were shipped back to Guam from Rota on Sept. 23, 2006.

Bellas noted that while the equipment was still on Rota, a dispute arose between SGI and

IOTA as to the serviceability of the equipment.

"When plaintiff made a demand on SGI for payment for shipping the Excavator and other equipment back to Guam, it was provided a copy of the purported contract between IOTA and SGI, indicating that the price negotiated between IOTA and SGI did not include the cost of shipping, the previously described equipment, to and from Rota," he said.

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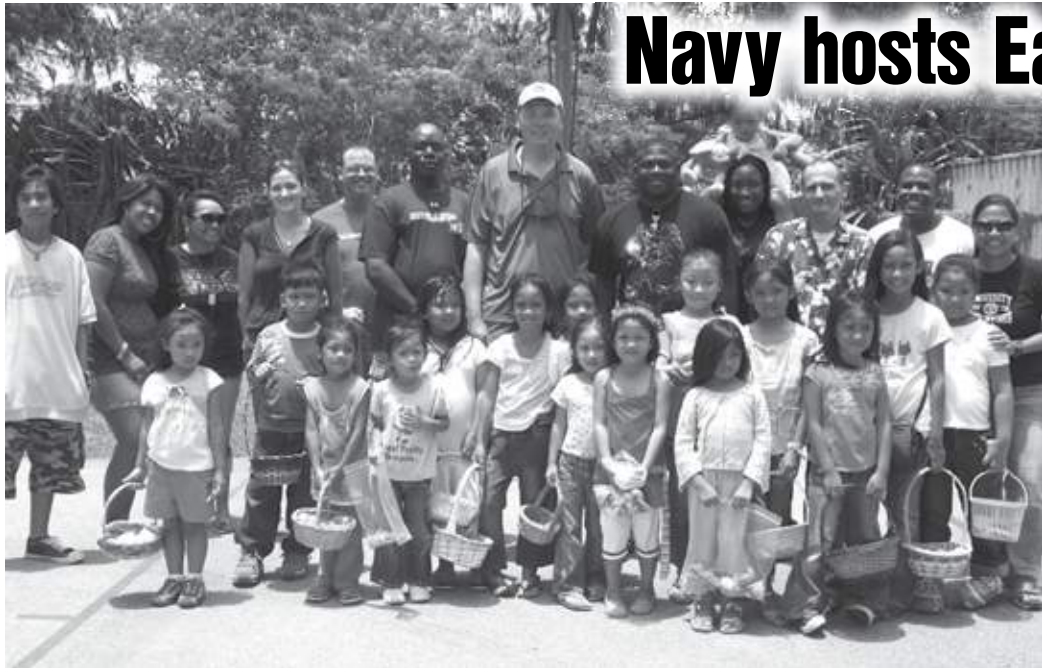
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# Navy hosts Easter egg hunt, games for children



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Officers and crew of the U.S. Navy's Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron Three led by Capt. Richard W. Daniel, tallest man in last row, pose with community church volunteers and children after hosting an Easter egg hunt and piñata as part of their community relations projects on Saturday at the Saipan Community Church grounds in Susupe.

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REPORTER

Officers and crew of the U.S. Navy's Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron Three led by Capt. Richard W. Daniel hosted an Easter egg hunt for children at the Saipan Community Church grounds on Saturday.

Daniel said this is part of the Navy's commitment to build strong and lasting relationships with the local community and support to the CNMI through community service projects and events.

"We enjoyed it a great deal. One reason why we like to do these things is because it's good to give back to the community," Daniel told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said SK1 Toni Banks,

who is in charge of the community relations project, helped coordinate the event. "We needed a nice space, and this seems like the best thing to do as far as getting the kids and the community together...and it worked out pretty good," Banks said.

This is their first community outreach project for the year.

COMPSRON Three, a part of the U.S. Navy's strategic sealift capability, is responsible for tactical control of ships of the Military Sealift Command Prepositioning Program in the Western Pacific Ocean. These ships, including those anchored in the Saipan lagoon, carry afloat prepositioned cargo for U.S. military forces.

Esther Jo C. Pinzon, who helped coordinate the Easter egg hunt project, said children from at least seven community churches were invited to the Easter egg hunt and other games.

"It's a very generous act on their part. The USNS *Lum-*

*mus* was looking for a community relations project and we're glad to be working with them," said Pinzon, who is among the youth program coordinators and members of the music team at the Saipan Community Church.

After the Easter egg hunt, children 3 to 9 years old received additional candies and other treats from COMPSRON Three, followed by a piñata.

Chen Chen Tambiga, 8, said she only found two Easter eggs but she enjoyed the whole search.

Her sister, 3-year-old Allen Tambiga, got seven Easter eggs on her basket and was ecstatic about it.

Eight-year-old Esther Huh, a second grader at Kagman Elementary School, got six Easter eggs which she proudly showed her mother, Jenny.

"I gave somebody one Easter egg because he didn't get any," she said, adding that she had fun during the search. "I found most of them in the bushes," she added.



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Officers and crew of the U.S. Navy's Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron Three give out goodies after hosting an Easter egg hunt for children at the Saipan Community Church grounds in Susupe on Saturday.

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# Military tightens grip on Fiji

SUVA, Fiji (AP)—Fiji's armed forces chief tightened his grip on the country Sunday, posting censors in newsrooms and road-blocks on the capital's streets as critics accused him of establishing a military dictatorship.

Commodore Frank Bainimarama sought to assure residents of the South Pacific nation there would be no unrest following three days of political tumult that ended with the constitution thrown out and a government that senior judges had declared illegal back in power.

"Emergency regulations are in force," Bainimarama said in a national address late Saturday. "However, these regulations are only a precautionary measure."

Military-backed "information officers" stood watch in newspaper, news radio and television offices to prevent the publication or broadcast of any reports that, Bainimarama said, "could cause disorder." Police were granted extra detention powers.

The Fiji Times, the country's main daily, published its Sunday edition with several blank spaces where stories about the crisis would have appeared but were blocked by censors, said Greg Baxter, a spokesman for Rupert Murdoch's News Ltd., which owns the paper.

"For the time being, we are acquiescing to the demands of the censor, given the direct threat to the safety of our staff that will arise if we don't," Baxter said.

The streets remained calm on Sunday.

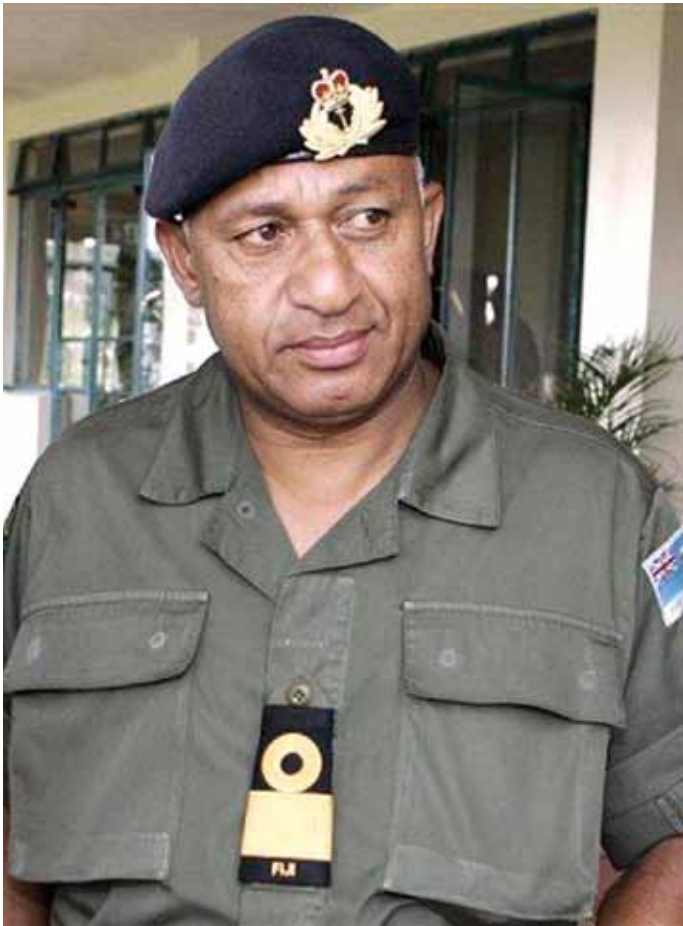
The commander seized power in a 2006 coup—the country's fourth in 20 years—but had insisted his rule is legitimate. He had said he would eventually call elections to restore democracy, after he rewrites the constitution and electoral laws to remove what he says is racial discrimination against a large ethnic-Indian minority.

Australia's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd added to the international scorn directed at Bainimarama following his latest actions.

"Australia condemns unequivocally this action by the military ruler of Fiji to turn this great country into virtually a military dictatorship, with the suspension of freedom of the press and actions which undermine prosperity for the ordinary people," Rudd told reporters in the remote Western Australian town of Port Hedland, where his plane made a refueling stop after turning around in midflight after the East Asia summit in Thailand was cancelled because of protests.

Australia has renewed travel warnings to its citizens to avoid Fiji and stay away from crowds because of the possibility of unrest.

Bainimarama was sworn in as prime minister by President Ratu Josefa Iloilo on Saturday.



AP  
In this Dec. 14, 2006, file photo, Fiji's military commander Frank Bainimarama stands outside the officer's mess at the Queen Elizabeth Barracks in the capitol Suva.

A day earlier, Iloilo had abrogated the constitution and declared a state of emergency in response to a senior court's ruling that Bainimarama's regime was unlawful.

Iloilo's power grab included firing all of Fiji's judges and magistrates and declaring a 30-day state of emergency. He set a timetable of five years for elections. He denied he was acting at the behest of Bainimarama.

Australia, the United States, the United Nations and others accuse Bainimarama of dragging his feet on the restoration of democracy. Many nations have imposed sanctions, and the country's tourism- and sugar export-dependent economy has plummeted since the coup.

On Thursday, a three-judge Court of Appeal panel upheld a challenge to Bainimarama's rule by ousted Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase and urged Iloilo to replace the military government with an interim administration until elections could be held. The panel members were among the judges fired.

Bainimarama initially acquiesced to the ruling and said he would withdraw to barracks. Within hours, however,

Iloilo had suspended the constitution and later reappointed Bainimarama and all of his former ministers.

Iloilo said he was forced into the action he had taken because the court decision had created a power vacuum.

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## Teen selected for Jr. Statesmen Summer School needs help

A local teen has been selected to attend a special summer school for future leaders and has very little time to raise \$4,395 so she can get there.

Alicia Yen, a 15-year-old sophomore at Marianas High School, found out recently that she has been selected to attend the 2009 session of the Junior Statesmen Summer School at summer school site, in city. But she has very little time to raise the money to pay her room, board, travel, and other expenses. While her family is paying half, Alicia must raise the balance.

So, this local high school leader is hitting the local service club circuit, and seeking any other financial support she can get. Anyone wishing to make an individual sponsorship to help your name can send a check to: Admission Director, The Junior Statesmen Summer School, 400 South El Camino Real, Suite 300, San Mateo, CA 94402 or contact Alicia at (670) 287-5459. Checks are to be made payable to the Junior Statesmen Foundation and include a note that Alicia Yen is the intended beneficiary.

The 69th annual session of

the Junior Statesmen Summer School will be held from Summer School dates. While there, students take college-level courses in American Government and Speech. They also participate in nightly student debates of controversial public policy issues in a Congressional Workshop. Highlighting the month-long session will be frequent meeting with a high-level group of leaders from government, business and the media. This nonpartisan speakers program gives future leaders a chance to share ideas with to-

day's political powerbrokers.

Yen hopes to study law and politics in college. She is particularly excited about experiencing a sneak view of college life at the Summer College. Alicia was accepted into this prestigious program because of (her/his) outstanding academic record and potential for leadership. Alicia is not only a good student, she is also active in extra-curricular such as the National Forensic League, Lincoln Douglas Debate, We the People, Cross Country, and swimming team. (PR)

## CAPAC opposes voter ID laws that disenfranchise disadvantaged communities

WASHINGTON, DC—The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) expressed fierce opposition to voter identification legislation that raise significant barriers to voting for minorities and other disadvantaged communities. Rep. Michael Honda, chair of CAPAC, issued the following statement, particularly addressing Texas voter identification legislation, SB 362:

"Voter identification laws have a discriminatory impact on minority communities, new American voters, the poor, elderly, and those with disabilities. Placed into proper historical context, the financial costs involved in obtaining proper documents needed to get a government-issued ID, along with transportation costs and time taken off from work, amount to a modern-day poll tax.

"With respect to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, demands for identification usually stem from perceptions that the voter does not appear to be an American citizen, perceptions that are based on xenophobia and dis-

crimination. The recent comments of Texas State Representative Betty Brown clearly reflect these xenophobic and un-American sentiments. We look forward to a public apology from Rep. Brown for her outrageous proposal that Asian American voters adopt names that are 'easier for Americans to deal with' for purposes of identifying names on voter rolls. "A study by Project Vote noted that Asian American voters in states that required a form of ID were 8.5% less likely to vote compared to Asian American voters in states without voter identification requirements. Research from the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) shows that poll workers oftentimes improperly demand identification from Asian American and Pacific Islander voters, particularly language minority voters, even when not required by law.

"These studies give us some insight into the nature of voter identification laws. That is why the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus opposes voter identification legislation such

as the Texas bill, as they strike the wrong balance. There is no proof that voter fraud is a significant problem, and data shows a disparate impact on vulnerable populations. In this day and age,

I am appalled that there are still those who are working harder to prevent voters from exercising their democratic right than helping to ensure that eligible voter can participate." (PR)



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Bong Calimlim of Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia) who is celebrating his birthday today, April 13. Greetings from Susan, Lorie Ann, and his co-workers.

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## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

April 13, 1999

### CNMI, Northwest may deal

CNMI officials strongly indicated yesterday that they would likely approve a proposal by the Northwest Airlines to slash by almost 50 percent the landing fees and passenger facility charges in exchange for increased flights that is expected to pump in \$23 million in fresh money into the local economy. Executives of the airline company met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, along with ports authority board chairman Roman S. Palacios and Aviation Task Force chairman JM Guerrero, to submit a package of proposals designed to give a lift to the slumping tourism industry. Local officials are upbeat on the Northwest proposal after Continental Airlines, the region's main air carrier, dropped the Osaka-Saipan route due to declining passenger haul.

### Mood gives Korean Air a lift

Korean Air will begin providing service to Saipan before the end of the year as the economic situation in Korea has shown great improvement, according to Yang Ho Cho, the airline's president and chief executive officer. Yang met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and Marianas Visitors Authority board chairman Dave M. Sablan Sunday evening. The governor has asked the Korean Air president to visit the CNMI again and for the airline to resume its Seoul-Saipan direct flight. While Yang did not exactly say when the airline will come back, Han Jin Travel, a subsidiary of Korean Air, managing vice president S. W. Park said charter flights may begin toward the end of June or early month of July.

April 13, 2000

### Mayor: Saipan water delivery faces delay

Due to low water pressure, Mayor Jose C. Sablan yesterday said water delivery among residents on the island will be delayed. What used to take only 30 minutes to fill up a tank has now stretched to one hour and 30 minutes. "We are asking them to be patient and we are doing everything to [address] the situation," said Ramon Diaz, budget and fiscal officer of the Mayor's Office. The Mayor's Office noted that the water supply from its present source has recently become too salty, prompting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to assist them in identifying other areas where they can find better water for residents on the island.

### CDA moves to educate borrowers

The Commonwealth Development Authority is assuming a new role other than being the government's premier lending arm: an educator of its clients on ways to become better borrowers. Development Authority Board Chair John S. Tenorio noted the importance of a good credit history in a borrower's future loan applications, while stressing that the move is primarily aimed at curbing the agency's increasing loan delinquency rate. Derelict borrowers are less likely to obtain loans from either government or private financial institutions even if they are able to settle their existing obligation.

April 13, 2001

### Health chief sued for \$3.6M

The children of a deceased woman yesterday filed a \$3.6 million-civil action suit against Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, holding the public official personally liable on allegations of neglect. The late Ana Deleon Guerrero Cepeda's brood of eight, who each filed uniform complaints against the Department of Public Health, have apparently taken to heart the hospital's alleged failure to preserve the remains of their dead mother, which resulted in the body's desecration. The siblings through counsel G. Anthony Long are suing Mr. Villagomez along with five other unidentified Commonwealth Health Center staff for damages amid allegations of breach of contract.

### Flesh trade could be Saipan's 3rd industry

The sight of oriental-looking ladies prancing along the streets of Western Garapan donned in arresting garbs has been the subject of meticulous scrutiny by authorities of late. To the untrained eye, the picture of well made-up ladies strolling briskly in groups around Saipan's focal business district may appear as innocent as a flock of women out for an evening walk. But there is apparently more to the attention-grabbing scene than meets the eye. As frequent Western Garapan visitors can attest, the company of the string of ladies parading before one's very eyes can be had for a number of hours, for a given price.

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### AGENDA

#### I. Preliminary Matters

- ☐ Roll Call

#### II. New Business

- ☐ A. President's employment contract
- ☐ B. President's evaluation

#### III. Executive Session


- ☐ (At any time during the scheduled meeting the
- ☐ Board of Regents maybe required to enter into
- ☐ executive session to discuss matters deemed
- ☐ privileged and confidential)

#### IV. Adjournment

/s/ Charles V. Cepeda  
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Case No.	Employee(s) / Complainant(s)	Employer(s) / Respondent(s)	Hearing Date	Time
DC 07-03(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor	Abul Kashem & MD Abul Bashar/MD Enterprises	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-014(T)	Dizon, Levita F.	Aldan, Vanessa P.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-11(T)	Abaga, Gener	Big Boys Marine Sports, Inc. (San Nicolas, Joey)	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
AC 06-01(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor & Bhoj Charmaker et. al.	Blue Pattern Corp.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
LC 05-14(T)	Guillermo, Rose Marie G.	Blue Pattern Corp.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
LC 05-08(T) & LC 05-270	Zheng, Jincan	Blue Pattern Corp.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
LC 08-08(T)	Rodriguez, Riza P.	Borja, Danovan Sn.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
AC 08-02(T) & DC 07-11(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor	Borja, Donicio/Editha & Cullalic, Alicia C.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
AC 06-07(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor & Bishnu Devi Paudel et. al.	Castle Corp.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
LC 06-03(T)	Toribio, Elizar A.	Castro, Lee Q.	May 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.
LC 06-10(T)	Shunfu Fang	Crisostomo, Melvin K.	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 06-06(T)	Chun Yan Zheng	Evangelista, Ryan M.	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 07-06(T)	Ballesteros, Petronilo R.	FPA Pacific Corp. and Power, Don	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 04-07(T)	Li, Bo Fa	Green Star Co. Ltd. & Li, Bo Xin	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 07-01(T) & AC 07-03	Versoza, Teresita I.	Hofschneider, Julian U.	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
AC 07-13(T)	Director of Labor, Department of Labor & Decang, Rowena	K-Amusement Corp. & Ig Sang Kwon	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 07-08(T)	Centano, Lynn B.	Kiyoshi, Teresa P.	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
AC 06-06(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor	Manglona, Connie M.; Chun Xi Li; Su Yu Chen; Jun Yan; Chen Dong Zhang; & Da Mei Xiang	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 06-08 (T) & 06-142	Jin Sen Chen	Manglona, James K.	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 08-02(T)	Cruz, Genina B.	Mendiola, Tanie Marie	May 7, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC T01-11	Racelis, Vivian et. al.	Midas Corp.	May 7, 2009	11:00 a.m.
DC 07-08(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor	Panglinan, Emelita & Evangelista, Augustin B.	May 7, 2009	11:00 a.m.
DC 07-09(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor	Reyes, Brigida C. & Panis, Precila G.	May 7, 2009	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-11(T)	Dungo, Lorna C.	Sanchez, Tersita O.	May 7, 2009	11:00 a.m.
DC 07-06(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor	ShanShun Ju, Xiao Feng & Aquino, Yu Hua Jin/Momo Corp.	May 7, 2009	11:00 a.m.
A.C. 05-02(T)	Director of Labor, Dept. of Labor & Evalle, Irene et. al.	Strega Inc.	May 7, 2009	11:00 a.m.




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DC 09-002(R)	Director of Labor	Atalig, Manuel	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 08-002(R)	Director of Labor	Eskuelan San Francisco	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 08-001(R)	Director of Labor	Manglona, Carina	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 09-001(R)	Director of Labor	Manglona, Joaquin	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 08-003(R)	Director of Labor	Northern Marianas Fisheries, Inc.	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 08-005(R)	Director of Labor	Sasakura, Daniel	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 08-006(R)	Director of Labor	Sasakura, Daniel	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 08-004(R)	Director of Labor	Smith, Don/Sook	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 09-009 (R)	Director of Labor	Maratita, Dominic C.	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
DC 09-010 (R)	Director of Labor	Maratita, Dominic C.	May 7, 2009	9:30 a.m.
CAC 08-005 (R)	Director of Labor	Manglona, Juan M. and Bepary, Jamal	May 7, 2009	10:30 a.m.
LC 08-001 (R)	Director of Labor, De Quiroz, Lucena S.; & Guiling, Natividad P.	Sibal, Luzvismin L. dba Elizabeth Fashion & Isla Bonita	May 7, 2009	10:30 a.m.
LC 08-005 (R)	Director of Labor and Santos, Ramir	Sibal, Luzvismin L. dba Elizabeth Fashion & Isla Bonita	May 7, 2009	10:30 a.m.
CAC 07-016 (R)	Director of Labor	Jackson, Eddie; Albastro, Mequias D.; & De Leon Cruz, Raymundo	May 7, 2009	1:00 p.m.
CAC 07-020(R)	Director of Labor	Manglona, Vincent and Benita dba VB Enterprises; Abriera, Clingen Bruce; Dulal, Md.; Castro, Concepcion T.; & Lami-ing; Benedicto B.	May 7, 2009	1:00 p.m.
CAC 08-016 (R)	Director of Labor	Manglona, Carina M. & Gabagat, Emilia E.	May 7, 2009	2:00 p.m.
CAC 08-018 (R)	Director of Labor	Manglona, Carina M. & Munar, Lucrecia E.	May 7, 2009	2:00 p.m.
LC 06-003 (R)	Bermeo, Jr., Alejandro S.	Manglona, Benita A.	May 8, 2009	9:00 a.m.
CAC 08-023 (R)	Director of Labor	Rosario, Felix F. & Gani, Osman	May 8, 2009	9:00 a.m.
CAC 08-011 (R)	Director of Labor	Taisacan, Annette M. & Nerizon, Mary Jean	May 8, 2009	10:00 a.m.
CAC 08-006 (R)	Director of Labor	Villanueva, Felizardo & Abad, Alona DePano	May 8, 2009	10:00 a.m.
LC 08-006 (R)	Dingson, Ferdinand	Barcinas, Lorenzo	May 8, 2009	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-003 (R)	Feolino, Candilaria	Arnold, Spencer I. dba House of Fabric	May 8, 2009	1:00 p.m.
CAC 08-003 (R)	Director of Labor	DL's Ent. (Manibusan, David) & San Antonio, Lawrence	May 8, 2009	1:00 p.m.
CAC 08-021 (R)	Director of Labor	Bena, Jennifer & SNM Corporation	May 8, 2009	1:00 p.m.
CAC 08-007 (R)	Director of Labor	Maratita, Antonio Q. & Hossain, Jamal	May 8, 2009	1:00 p.m.



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### EDITORIAL

## The melting Arctic

**M**ake no mistake, Arctic Sea ice is melting. According to the National Snow and Ice Data Center and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the maximum extent of the winter sea ice cover for 2008-09 was the fifth-lowest on record. Underscoring their point, the agencies added, "The six lowest maximum events since satellite monitoring began in 1979 have all occurred in the past six years (2004-09)."

Global warming is doing a number on Arctic Sea ice. The report noted that the Arctic winter was 1.8 to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than average. This and other factors are causing the surface ice to melt. That ice is vital for reflecting the light and heat of the sun. Without it, the heat warms the Arctic Ocean, which then melts the ice below the surface of the water. This, along with older ice moving out of the Arctic, decreases the thickness of sea ice cover, which then melts more easily in the summer. "Ice older than two years now accounts for less than 10 percent of the ice cover," according to the study. "From 1981 through 2000, such older ice made up an average of 30 percent of the total sea ice cover at this time of the year."

These new data come as predictions of an ice-free Arctic Sea during the summer get ever closer. Just two years ago, an NSIDC scientist estimated that worrisome event could happen within 20 to 30 years. Last month, Warwick Vincent, director of the Center for Northern Studies at Laval University in Quebec, told Reuters, "2013 is starting to look as though it is a lot more reasonable as a prediction."

That forecast, if proven true, would have dire consequences for the polar bear. A 2007 report from the U.S. Geological Survey revealed that a melting of Arctic ice caused by global warming would wipe out two-thirds of the world's polar bear population, estimated at 20,000 to 25,000, and all of Alaska's estimated 4,700 polar bears, by 2050. The polar bear is now listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. But we're all threatened as long as the build-up of greenhouse gases renders climate studies and models seemingly obsolete the moment they're released.

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## Trust—trust! Where are you?

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

**I** don't trust him." "He can't be trusted." "I cannot trust you, I don't want to (work with you), (marry you), (deal with you)." How often does the word TRUST play in your life daily? How much value do you put in it? Isn't it the most important criteria for establishing relationships with everyone we come in contact with? What does trust really mean? Can we live a healthy and normal social life without trust?

Trust is a function of several things: character, assured reliance on that character, ability, strength, truth of someone or something, and competence. Character includes our integrity, our motive, and our intent with people. Competence includes our capabilities, our skills, our results, and our track record. All are vital if we are to be respected and succeed in any venture.

The word "trust" is the most frequently used measure of evaluation in our relationship with people. Trust is the most frequently used frame of reference for our relationship with our families, our friends, our fellow workers, the businesses we deal with. Many of us also seek trust as the most important virtue in our elected representatives. Simply put—can we trust whoever and can they trust us likewise?

When we trust we feel secure. When we mistrust we are insecure and troubled. The opposite of trust is betrayal, perhaps one of the most abominable sins against another person. When we trust we give the receiver the highest compliment we can give. But why am I discussing the word Trust at this time?

We have entered a furious campaign season in which many candidates are vying for elected offices. All of them are preaching about how they will revitalize the economy, etc., etc. But not a single one talks about "trust."

All the candidates keep pleading with us to vote for them because they are a relative, or because of any other number of motives. But not a single candidate tries to prove that he can be trusted. They talk that they can be trusted but do little to show that they can be trusted. Because trust is an abstract concept, it can only be seen and understood from actions of the individual.

In his book *The Speed of Trust*, Stephen M. R. Covey discusses five waves of trust. If possible get a copy and be prepared for understanding the one thing that changes everything. Mr. Covey separates TRUST into five waves.

The first wave is self-trust. To build trust with others we must first start with ourselves. It's all about credibility. It's about developing the integrity, intent, capabilities, and results that make us believable, both to ourselves and to others. 1) Do I trust myself? And 2) Am I someone others can trust?

Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best: "Self-trust is the first secret of success...the essence of heroism."

The second wave is relationship trust. It involves behavior—consistent behavior. It's about learning how to interact with others in ways that increase trust and void interacting in ways that destroy it. Quoting from Mr. Covey's book: "Be honest. Tell the truth. Let people know where you stand. Use simple language. Call things what they are. Demonstrate integrity. Don't manipulate people or distort facts. Don't spin the truth. Don't leave false impressions."

The third wave is about creating organizational trust. Peter Drucker tells us that organizations are no longer built on force, but on trust.

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This concept of trust or the lack of it can be viewed daily as we watch our government in action. How many of our elected officials trust each other? How many government agencies lack trust in each other's agency? Many of them play the game of protecting their turf rather than trying to work with trust.

The fourth wave of trust is market trust. This is defined as the principal of reputation. Oprah Winfrey once said: "In the end, all you have is your reputation." Consider why we buy certain brands regardless of price. Market trust is all about brand reputation. Robert Eckert, CEO, Mattel tells us "Trust is the key building block in the creation of a company's reputation, and as a direct result, its shareholders' value." Let me add that it is also a country's reputation and as a direct result its citizens' value.

Tourists come to Saipan because of our "brand name" and investors invest in Saipan because of the trust they feel about us. When that trust is smeared or lost, what do we have to offer tourists and investors? I hate to admit it, but I feel that over the past years we have not build too good of a "market trust."

The fifth wave is Societal Trust. This is the trust we give to our society, to our fellow community members. The overriding principal of societal trust is contribution. It is an attempt to give back instead of taking. If we only take, society will break down. How much societal trust are we giving to our community? The giver creates value instead of destroying it.

In 2005, Microsoft Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda created the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to have their billions help less fortunate people. Warren Buffet gave \$37 billion (84 percent of his net wealth) to charity. In 1998, Oprah Winfrey created "Angel Network" to inspire numerous humanitarian projects. The above are only a handful of the millions of people that daily engage in creating a higher societal trust. The gift may be in money, service or love. Our gift is never too small or too large if it helps our society increase trust among each other.

"Every kind of peaceful cooperation among men is primarily based on mutual trust and only secondarily on institutions such as courts of justice and police."

—Albert Einstein

Trust becomes complex when we struggle with forgiving people who have betrayed our trust. It also becomes equally complex when we try to restore the trust that we have destroyed in ourselves. Space does not allow me to discuss how to restore lost trust or how to forgive people who have betrayed our trust in them. These are problems that must be solved because if we fail to wrestle with them we will be the loser.

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# God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and Church III

It is worth the while to remember that the metaphors used in the Fertile Crescent pointing to the supreme reality that sustains, binds and significates human existence are those of human relationship. “Abba” the father, benevolent and steadfast in its surety, symbolizes the reliability and trustworthiness of it all. The awe and wonder, the mystery that is its core is best understood as that of the child, particularly the son as the progeny of genetic and cultural transmission, the cup brimming with tradition and gratitude, the Christ unflinching in its fidelity and affirmation of the parenthood of the real and authentic.

This sense that life is given as a gift has a universal appeal and religious traditions that feel the truth of its vision and mission would claim the catholicity of its faith and formation. This forceful assertiveness of belief and conviction is fueled and powered by the ‘holy spirit,’ the attendant organization and structure of the adherents and the faithful is the formation process for which the word ‘church,’ or the household of the real, has been found appropriate.

## Holy Spirit

We mention the Aegean’s propensity to dichotomize and the *sarx* (body) and *pneuma* (spirit) division has been around so long that we have considered life to be two separate identities, which makes schizophrenics of us all!

In our time, quantum Physics, at the subatomic level, matter exhibits both wave-like and particle-like qualities, affirming the validity of the above dichotomy. The mistake in the last two millennia has been, however, lifting the *pneuma* to heights of refinements that denigrates the *sarx* as base, animalistic, and unworthy of human aesthetics to be condemned to the dungeons of the unconscious.

The numinous *pneuma* gave birth to the ghosts of our *taotao-mona* stories. The duality of our persona has been enshrined.

A more ancient metaphor of the spirit is the *Ruah*, the desert wind of the Nile, along the twin rivers of Mesopotamia, and the dunes of the Arabian peninsula. The word has since been popularized by western Pacific viticulture as a brand of a distilled fruit of the vine, bit its use in the Book of Genesis refers to the wild, unpredictable,

and violent sand storms that wipes out vestiges of tradition and renders every morning as spanking new, fresh and unadulterated.

The genders that usually accompany metaphors of the Christian Triune God is unmistakably masculine on the father, a male child on the son (though progressive theology has since recognized the Chinese saying that “women holds half of the sky”), and the volatile winds of the spirit attributed to the feminine, first in a pejorative fashion as in the lunacy of the moon, but now as Mary, Mother of God, the female attribute in the wholeness of the Trinity.

Think vagina monologue, however, rather than Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit is earthy and saucy, often referred to as the Left Hand of God (really off left field), as compared to the sedate and sedentary Son that “sitteth on the right hand of the Father.”

So we come to the fullness of text to mirror the totality of the Real in its universal dimensions. Human commonality across cultural diversity affirms that what is true in one clime and time is true on another, what applies to ‘me’ is equally pertinent and relevant to everyone else.

So the ancient Holy Ghost of the High Mass is no glorified and sanctified scary Gaspar of our childhood imaginings. It is that part of our existence where wildness is affirmatively resident and freedom is its abiding style.

Sages of the ages have affirmed the value of tradition in connecting us to the wisdom of previous generations, but in the desert, where the reliance on the constancy of the unreachable firmaments developed, the experience in the here-and-now is the wildness of the winds over the shifting sands of the dunes. The morning after requires that we freely begin again. Yet, in the *ruah*, we are subject to the force of raging air currents but are also tranquil in the dead calm of the eye of the storm.

Lucidity on the free quality of every moment of life enjoins us to see that the shackles that bind us are often of our own making, or at least, we are bound with consent!

The spirited style is one of total demand - the discipline akin to the military model of sacrifice where the understood language is the covenant to protect and promote, to look after the welfare of

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another, “over my dead body.”

The Semitic affirmation of *l’achaim* (the toast ‘to life’) becomes the operating mode, Obama’s ‘Yes, We Can’ is the audacity of hope, and Hillary’s ‘Yes, We Will,’ the appropriate feminine assertiveness that after ten millennia of patriarchal insensitivity and dominance Gaia sorely needs.

Of course, as in every movement in human history, we have come to worship the metaphor and forsaken the reality it was designed to point to. A classmate once asked if my britches have become too big for God, and my young daughter responded: No, your childhood God just remained too small!

I sent the first two of these reflections to a listserv of fellow Methodists. One profusely thanked me for my efforts, while another immediately asked to be taken out of the listing. If there is anything that Lent does to the soul, if one attends to tending that garden like the Muslims do at Ramadan, it renders the quakes of La Aquila and Chengdu minor compared to the shaking of the foundations that sometimes occur when “grace strikes,” as it often does even to a devout Hindu like Gandhi who contemplated on the life journey of the Jesus who is claimed to be the Christ, and was forever transformed.

It is Easter still in many parts of the world, the victory of the resurrected life, and this is Easter Monday if only to affirm that the message of ‘life’s triumph over death’ need to be heard every day of the year. And were we allowed the language of tradition: May the force of the desert wind and the freedom of its wanderings abide with you, now and forevermore.

# It’s okay, waste can be stimulating

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WASHINGTON—As the \$787 billion stimulus package starts to flow, the message from on high is clear: No one dare waste a dime of it.

“This plan cannot and will not be an excuse for waste and abuse,” President Barack Obama declared last month, after he designated Vice President Joe Biden the “sheriff” in charge of patrolling for misuse of stimulus funds. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, has warned officials overseeing the money that “we must ensure that haste does not make waste” and that even minimal amounts of misspent money would be simply “unacceptable.” And California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed an inspector general to oversee “every single dollar” of the \$50 billion flowing into his state.

Missing amid all these high-minded calls to protect taxpayer dollars is an awkward question: When the whole point of a major government spending program is to stimulate the faltering economy as quickly as possible, what exactly counts as “wasted” money?

After all, if some stimulus cash is misspent—say an errant official or contractor buys himself a Cadillac or a Harley Davidson, only to suffer the full force of law—might not such fraud boost the economy more than if the cash languished in a law-abiding state account? All that monitoring, however well-intentioned, may undercut recovery by compelling officials to spend more slowly to avoid hearings, prosecution, or embarrassment in the media.

Officials tracking the money recognize the dilemma. “We want this money to be spent, and yet it has to be spent in ways that are consistent with the purpose of the act,” said Chris Mihm, managing director for strategic issues at the Government Accountability Office. “It’s something that we’re struggling with.”

Some observers are not as diplomatic. It’s a bit rich, they say, for elected officials who voted for the biggest stimulus package in history—and urged at the time that it be spent quickly—to be covering for that vote now with calls for tough oversight.

“If the goal for the stimulus spending is to minimize fraud and waste to the point of zero, I know how to do that: All I have to do is not spend the money,” said Steven Schooner,

co-director of George Washington University’s Government Procurement Law Program. “Are we capable of grasping the concept that in a struggling economy, it’s more important to throw money at the problem, even if it’s possibly inefficient and possibly inaccurate?”

Underlying this contradiction is a broader tension in the stimulus law. Obama sold the package as a “down payment” on his goals for energy, education and health care and has expressed the hope that it will also renew confidence in government. From that perspective, it’s crucial that the money have the desired policy impact and be spent in an aboveboard manner.

But the stimulus package’s main stated goal was to jump-start the economy by getting billions of dollars into circulation fast, and that requires a different mind-set. Just as the economy needs consumers to at least temporarily throw some caution to the wind and start spending again, it also may need the government to worry less about crossing every “t” before cutting a check.

Instead of catching a break because of the time pressures, the stimulus is receiving far greater scrutiny than regular government spending. The Interior Department’s highly regarded inspector general, Earl Devaney, is heading a new stimulus oversight board, and the law sets aside \$350 million in oversight funds, which allows the federal agencies’ inspectors general and the GAO to hire hundreds of additional auditors.

Federal agencies and departments must produce weekly reports on how they are disbursing their part of the stimulus. On top of the usual paperwork, state officials handling the money must tell Washington how many jobs are being created and get governors to sign off on spending. The government has set up a Web site, Recovery.gov, to track spending, and 40 states have similar ones.

Left undefined is just what kind of “waste” is being targeted. Some congressmen and inspectors general seem to worry about blatant forms of abuse, while others define it as anything that falls short of the bill’s specific policy aims. At a Senate hearing this month, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., foresaw a recipient of part of the \$15 million that is going to the Urban League of St. Louis for weatherizing homes “giving a second cousin who has a pickup truck and two friends a bunch of money ... and they put weather-stripping around the doors and that’s all that happened.”

Rob Nabors, the deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, the White House’s point man for the stimulus, conceded that there is a “discrepancy” between the attention paid to the stimulus funds and normal government spending. But the increased oversight is justified because “we are planning for this money to leave a lasting legacy,” he said. “We expect to show not just X numbers of jobs created but X number of homes weatherized. We’re looking to improve our parks system, modernize our infrastructure. Any dollar distracted from those purposes really is a wasted dollar.”

The threat of further spending delays is particularly acute because even as currently designed, the stimulus is not expected to fully ramp up until later this year and early next year, partly because of the planning and paperwork that many programs require. As of Tuesday, \$54 billion had been “obligated” to be spent, while \$11.7 billion had actually been disbursed.

Alan Chvotkin, a lawyer for the Professional Services Council, a trade group for federal contractors, said that the oversight is putting a scare into federal officials whose agencies are undermanned as it is when it comes to contracting and procurement. One such individual he spoke with told him that the White House was behind the official “with a hot pitchfork to get the funds out,” Chvotkin said, “yet he knows whatever action he takes is going to be reviewed by a lawyer or his inspector general or Mr. Devaney, so he’s saying, if it’s going to be (me) in a sling, this is going to be done on my timetable.”

At the state level, officials say that they’re early enough in the process—and so grateful for the money—that they regard the rules as a challenge they are eager to meet. But the bureaucratic trappings are slowing some spending. For example, officials must wait until July, while Washington writes the guidelines, to apply for the \$2 billion that states and cities can use to purchase and renovate foreclosed homes.

Amid the calls for oversight, Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, issued a rare dissent. “Does this make sense?” he said at a hearing last month. Officials “are filling out all these reports and they’re going to ask the question, ‘Do they want us to do (stimulus) or are they more interested in the reports?’”






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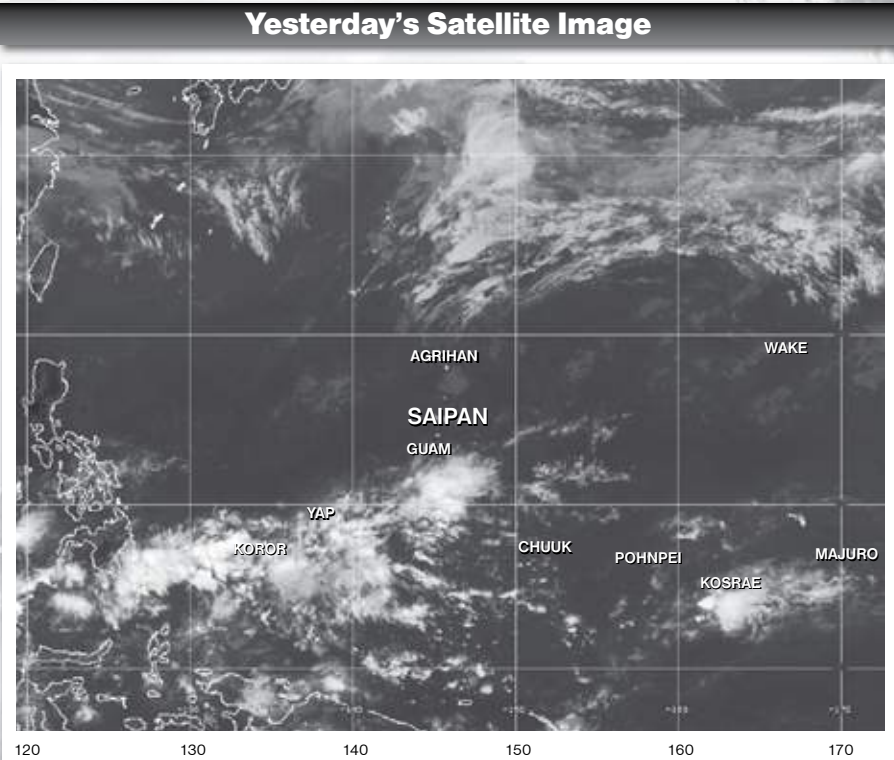
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TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Palau	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 81
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Sunny	▲ 67 ▼ 54
Beijing	Partly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 53
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 75
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 72
London	Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 41
Los Angeles	Partly Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 54
Manila	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 55
Miami	Partly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 74
New York	Cloudy	▲ 52 ▼ 40
Osaka	Partly Sunny	▲ 69 ▼ 53
Paris	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 49
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 56
Rome	Rain	▲ 65 ▼ 50
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 51 ▼ 37
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 45
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 54
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 58
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲ 55 ▼ 45

Tides		
Saipan Harbor		
4:04 AM Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
8:57 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:19 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:17 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is teaming with upper-level divergence to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in a large area bounded by a line from 12N146E to 10N149E to 2N138E to 5N130E to 8N130E back to 12N146E. This area is located south of Guam and includes Yap and Koror. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 100 miles of a line from 4N163E to 5N170E. Kosrae lies on the northwest edge of this area.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:04 AM	6:31 PM	Today	9:48 PM	8:19 AM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM	Tuesday	10:40 PM	9:09 AM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:31 PM	Wednesday	11:30 PM	10:00 AM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:32 PM	Thursday		10:52 AM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:32 PM	Friday	12:17 AM	11:44 AM

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<b>Saipan-Guam</b>					<b>Guam-Saipan</b>				
CO9317	5:00am	5:50am	Daily		CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	1,2,3,4,7	
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily		CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota	
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota		CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily	
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	2,3,4,5,6		CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily	
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily		CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily	
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily		CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily	
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily		CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily	
<b>Saipan-Narita</b>					<b>Narita-Saipan</b>				
NW 099	5:00am	7:35am	Daily		NW 076	10:15am	2:40pm	Daily	
NW 078	8:20am	1:30pm	2,3,4,5,6,7		NW 077	6:25pm	1:20am+1	2,3,4,5,6,7	
NW 075	4:55pm	7:30pm	Daily		NW 100	8:45pm	1:10am+1	Daily	
<b>Guam-Narita</b>					<b>Narita-Guam</b>				
NW 73	4:10pm	7:00pm	Daily		NW 74	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily	
NW 81	3:55pm	6:55pm	Daily		NW 82	10:30am	3:10pm	Daily	
<b>Saipan-Osaka</b>					<b>Osaka-Saipan</b>				
OZ 119	4:00am	6:40am	1,4,6		OZ 120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	3,5,7	
<b>Guam-Osaka</b>					<b>Osaka-Guam</b>				
NW 79	4:45pm	7:35pm	Daily		NW 80	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily	
<b>Saipan-Nagoya</b>					<b>Nagoya-Saipan</b>				
NW 078	8:20am	11:05am	Daily		NW 077	9:00pm	1:20am+1	Daily	
<b>Guam-Nagoya</b>					<b>Nagoya-Guam</b>				
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<b>Saipan-Incheon</b>					<b>Incheon-Saipan</b>				
OZ 604	2:10am	6:00am	1		OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily	
OZ 604	2:40am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7		OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7	
OZ 119	4:00am	11:25am	1,4,6 via Osaka		OZ 120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	3,5,7	
OZ 606	3:20pm	7:00pm	Daily		OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6	
<b>Saipan-Busan</b>					<b>Busan-Saipan</b>				
OZ 608	3:20am	6:50am	1,4,5,7		OZ 607	9:00pm	2:10am+1	3,4,6,7	
<b>Saipan-Shanghai</b>					<b>Shanghai-Saipan</b>				
FM 844	2:50am	5:40am	2,6		FM 843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1,5	
<b>Rota-Guam</b>					<b>Guam-Rota</b>				
CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7		CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6	
<b>Guam-Palau</b>					<b>Palau-Guam</b>				
CO 953	7:40pm	8:40pm	1,7		CO 954	2:30am	5:25am	1,2	
CO 893	5:50pm	6:50pm	3,5		CO 892	2:35am	5:30am	4,6	
<b>Palau-Manila</b>					<b>Manila-Palau</b>				
CO 893	7:35pm	9:10pm	3,5		CO 892	10:10pm	1:50am+1	3,5	
<b>Guam-Manila</b>					<b>Manila-Guam</b>				
CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror		CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror	
CO 933	8:00pm	9:40pm	Daily		CO 934	11:10pm	4:05am+1	Daily	
PR 111	6:00am	7:50am	1,2,4,6,7		PR 110	10:10pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7	
<b>Nagoya-Manila</b>					<b>Manila-Nagoya</b>				
NW 71	8:40pm	11:55pm	Daily		NW 72	6:30am	11:05am	Daily	
<b>Incheon-Hongkong</b>					<b>Hongkong-Incheon</b>				
OZ 721	9:20am	12:00pm	Daily		OZ 724	12:30am	4:50am	Daily	
OZ 723	7:45pm	10:35pm	Daily		OZ 7183	12:45am	4:05am	1,4,6	
OZ 7173	8:00pm	10:50pm	5,7		OZ 722	1:30pm	5:45pm	Daily	
<b>Narita-Manila</b>					<b>Manila-Narita</b>				
NW 1	7:00pm	10:55pm	Daily		NW 2	7:45am	12:40pm	Daily	

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana  
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**</b>			
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily				
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily				



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NOTICE OF CLOSURE OR DISMISSAL  
2008 LABOR CASES

April 13, 2009, first notice  
April 20, 2009, second notice

COMPLAINANTS IN THE FOLLOWING LABOR CASES:

Each of the labor cases listed below has been adjudicated or dismissed by the Administrative Hearing Office. In each case, this is a final action by the Administrative Hearing Office. All claims, including all claims for money damages, and all claims for eligibility for transfer, have been adjudicated or dismissed. Any complainant who has not been served personally or by mail with the hearing officer's order adjudicating or dismissing the case is now, as of the second date of publication of this notice, served with the order. A complainant served by means of this publication may obtain a copy of the hearing officer's order from the Administrative Hearing Office. A complainant whose case has been adjudicated or dismissed by the Administrative Hearing Office has until May 5, 2009 to appeal the order. This publication does not affect any prior service personally or otherwise on a complainant, and the time in which to appeal runs from the date of that service.

COMPLAINANTS WHOSE ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID:

Any complainant who was awarded money damages in a case listed below and has not been paid should come to the Complaint Intake Section, Department of Labor, and fill out a declaration affirming that payment has not been made. Please bring a copy of the administrative order in your case and your entry permit card. A complainant who has not been paid has until April 27, 2009 to report to the Complaint Intake Section.

Case No.	Complainant	Respondent(s)
08-175	ABELLA, JUANITA	ZIETZKE, COURTNEY L. DBA CRYSTAL SEAS, CNMI, INC.
08-031	AFRICA, NENITA G.	WORLD APPAREL, INC.
08-089	AHAMED KABEER, MD. SALLY	MISAMIS CONST. SPN. LTD.
08-223	AHN, SOO JI	POP STREET, INC. DBA POPS Y
08-203	AKTAR, AKTARUJJAMAN	CALVOS DEVELOPMENT INC. DBA CALVO'S LANDSCAPE GARDENER
08-046	ALCALA, ROGELIO	FELIPE Q. ATALIG
08-093	ALCANTARA, ANNA LIZA	SIBAL, LUZVISMEN L.
08-251	ALETA, ESTHER	DELOS SANTOS, ELENA DBA SAVANNAH'S BEAUTY PARLOR
08-032	ANADACE, JOBY A.	NOEL M. BAITLON DBA TAGA ROOM RENTAL
08-042	ANGELES, ANGELITO MARTINEZ	BRUCE A. BATEMAN DBA PORKY'S BEACH BAR
08-096	ARAFOL, ALVIN	RGC CORPORATION DBA DANIELLE'S MASSAGE AND BEAUTY SALON
08-056	ARONCE, VICENTE T.	FAMILY KITCHEN MAI CORP. DBA FAMILY KITCHEN MAI RESTAURANT
08-055	ASUNCION, MARIVIC	FAMILY KITCHEN MAI CORP. DBA FAMILY KITCHEN MAI RESTAURANT
08-205	AWA-AW, JAWIN	JOANN T. AQUINO DBA LITTLE DARLINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD & RESPITE CARE
08-021	BALANA, GEMMA	SEMAN, MALOU O. DBA ISLAND FLAVOR
08-128	BALANA, GEMMA	ALFANTE, YOLANDA O. DBA KULTI'S ENT.
08-077	BALANDITA, CALIXTO	ARRIOLA, GREGORIO C.
08-103	BARREDO, CHERRY	RGC CORPORATION DBA DANIELLE'S MASSAGE AND BEAUTY SALON
08-209	BARRERA, ROLAND	E.A.P. CORPORATION
08-045	BARRIGA, MANUEL	FELIPE Q. ATALIG
08-207	BATINO, ERWIN	MUGEN CORP. DBA WAFT BY THE SEA RESTAURANT
08-113	BATOON, JESTER	YOU RIM CORPORATION DBA JOKER'S WILD
08-011	BELEN, JUAN	TUDELA, EFRAIN
08-154	BENITO, CEFERINA	CATHERINE PANGELINAN DBA BOLIS R-US CATERING
08-010	BERMUDO, ROBERTO	KIM, JAUNG SIG DBA MASTER AUTO SHOP
08-079	BHUIYAN, MD GOLGAR	TUDELA, ANTONIA M.
08-104	BONAFE III, JOVENAL	AGBANLOG III, IGNACIO C. DBA CARNOT AIRCONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
08-121	BONDOC, DIOSDADO	RDA ENTERPRISES INC. DBA MARY'S BAKERY
08-182	BRIONES, ROWENA	PHILIPPINE BENEVOLENT MISSIONARIES ASSOCIATION, INC. & BIENVENIDA CAMACHO - DE FACTO ER
08-233	BUCAD, HENRY	BEA, MARIA JOYCE (DE FACTO ER) DBA KARNOT
08-155	BUHAY, ELDEN	CATHERINE PANGELINAN DBA BOLIS R-US CATERING
08-173	CALAGE, OSCAR	ZIETZKE, COURTNEY L. DBA CRYSTAL SEAS, CNMI, INC.
08-053	CANLAS, OFELIA T.	HARUO MENGRANG
08-099	CASAPAO, JULIANA J.	LAI'S AMERICAN CORP. DBA MOONLIGHT SHOPPING
08-074	CASTILLO, LEONIDA	CHALAN KIYA CIRCLE APARTMENT & FEJERAN, MATILDE LG
08-009	CHEN, DEFENG	AMERICAN KAI HUA DBA HAO ZA LA RESTAURANT
08-146	CHOW, KWOK SHUN	MING DYNASTY INV. CORP. DBA MING PALACE CHINESE RESTAURANT
08-073	CODIA, ELVIE	ADA, AIDA G.
08-135	CRUZ, JOHN	SABLAN, RAMON M.
08-084	CRUZ, SUSAN	LUHK, RUHTIK R.
08-081	CUEVAS, ACIE	HOTEL RIVIERA SPN INC.
08-181	CUI, WENBI	SAN JOSE MOTELS & MS. WEN - DE FACTO ER
08-226	CUPATAN, JOMELYN	KINTOL, JEROME P.
08-043	DACUMA, DANILO	BIG BOY MARINE SPORTS INC.
08-137	DALILIS, MERLINA	QUITUGUA, JEFFREY/PETERS, LIAUNA
08-018	DALUZ, NORA	MANGLONA, LORRAINE M. DBA BACK 9 SPORTS BAR
08-221	DANG, THO	R & C COMPANY, INC. DBA HELPING HANDS
08-114	DAVID, REYNALDO	SUZUKI & ASSOCIATES INC. DBA HIMAWARI
08-227	DE BELEN, JANICE	LEN'S 5 TAVERN/GARY WEAKLY
08-054	DE GUZMAN, JENNIFER	FAMILY KITCHEN MAI CORP. DBA FAMILY KITCHEN MAI RESTAURANT
08-108	DE JOSE, ELIGARDO	PHILLIPS CORPORATION
08-036	DELA CRUZ, EVELINDA J.	LEORA M. NGIRABLOSCH
08-094	DIESTRO, HILARIO	WORLD CORPORATION
08-078	DOCTOLERO, ADELA	WORLD APPAREL, INC.
08-243	DOLDE, NOEL	UNICORN CORPORATION
08-105	DONDONILLA, ROSITA	ELVIRA L. BARCINAS
08-133	DURIAN, CECILIA	TUDELA, ANTONIA M.
08-102	EBDANE, RODOLFO	MARS CORPORATION
08-047	ENCARNACION, ALBERTO	FELIPE Q. ATALIG
08-144	FABITO, SAMMY	DA KINE INC. (DE FACTO ER) DBA HAWAII BAR AND GRILL
08-065	FANG, MEILONG	UNO MODA CORP.
08-151	FLORES, REBECCA	SHEU, TZU MING
08-112	FONTANILLA, MAXIMINO	J.C. TENORIO ENTERPRISES INC. DBA HAFADA BAKERY
08-095	FUSHUN, MENG	ADPIA COMMUNICATION INC.
08-161	GAMBON, RODRIGO	JG SABLAN ROCK QUARRY CO. INC.
08-168	GAO, SHUZHEN	LICKISAP HUI MAO YU
08-022	GIRON, GINA	SEMAN, MALOU O. DBA ISLAND FLAVOR
08-127	GIRON, GINA	ALFANTE, YOLANDA O. DBA KULTI'S ENT.
08-211	LI, GUIXIANG	SAIPAN SJ CORP.
08-177	GUO, ZHANGMING	APPLE CORP. & DOW INSURANCE
08-244	GUTIER, ALEJO	ROBERT, SERAFIN CASTRO
08-005	HANG, LIYA	DRAGON CORP.
08-066	HUANG, QIANHUA	DARL CORPORATION
08-231	HUANG, YONGMEI	ALDAN, STEPHANIE
08-057	HUEVOS, MANOLITO	FAMILY KITCHEN MAI CORP. DBA FAMILY KITCHEN MAI RESTAURANT
08-118	IBALLAR, RODOLFO	NIETO, ELSA DUENAS
08-140	ISLAM, MD	WINNERS CORPORATION
08-041	JACOLBE, DANILO COIME	NESTOR R. ABLOG DBA GENERAL FASHION CENTER
08-003	JIN, CHENGQUAN	DRAGON CORP.
08-250	JIN, HONGGUANG	DAVID SPN CORPORATION
08-195	JIN, HONGMEI	KARIS CORP. AND MR. HAN
08-037	JIN, JIZI	SE KYO CORP. DBA FINE TREE RESTAURANT
08-063	KOO, YONG HOI	KOO'S CORP. DBA GALMAEGI TOUR
08-248	LAGUNERO, RICHARD	CONSTRUCTION & MATERIAL SUPPLY
08-129	LAURIO, PATRIO	THAT SAIPAN GIRL, LLC DBA OCEANS BAR & CAFÉ
08-040	LAZAGA, ALLAN CARAPATAN	MAC-US INTL. INC. DBA NEW CITY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (NCIC)
08-163	LI, DENGHONG	LCKG COMPANY LTD.
08-165	LI, LIANG	L & S APPAREL CORP.
08-180	LI, LIANYU	SAN JOSE MOTELS & MS. WEN - DE FACTO ER
08-033	LI, QIRONG	FENG HUA ENT. DBA FENG HUA (HARVEST) MART

Case No.	Complainant	Respondent(s)
08-061	LI, SHU YUN	HANS PACIFIC CORP.
08-249	LI, ZHUTIAN	SHINE STAR CORPORATION
08-019	LIN, RENHUA	SAM KWANG SAIPAN CORP.
08-086	LIU, JIYOU	WINNERS CORPORATION
08-087	LIU, WEIXIA	YONG JIA CORP. (DE FACTO ER)
08-228	LIU, YANQIN	MZ CORPORATION DBA CRYSTAL MASSAGE
08-012	LOPEZ, ROLANDO	NORTHERN, RICK DBA HAMILTON BAR AND RESTAURANT
08-147	LU, RONG	MING DYNASTY INV. CORP. DBA MING PALACE CHINESE RESTAURANT
08-145	LUMABI, ALFREDO	DA KINE INC. (DE FACTO ER) DBA HAWAII BAR AND GRILL
08-017	LUMAUAG, LIZA	BAITLON, NOEL M. DBA TAGA ROOM RENTAL
08-070	LUMBAD, ADOLFO	PACIFIC MARINE AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
08-210	MA, QIUFANG	BILLY BONES BAR (ER IN LIIDS IS WILLIAM ALBERT MOTT)
08-153	MAGLANQUE	ASIA PACIFIC HOTEL INC. DBA FIESTA RESORT & SPA
08-245	MAGTAPAT, RUPERTO	JG SABLAN ICE & WATER CO. INC.
08-138	MAHILUM, MARICEL	KOO'S CORPORATION
08-246	MALLARI, ORLANDO	SIGUA, ELEAZAR Y.
08-109	MALLARI, PONCIANO	EYUN JI CORPORATION
08-160	MANALAC, CHONA	MAFNAS, ANTONIO C.
08-044	MANONGSONG, MARIO	FELIPE Q. ATALIG
08-200	MARCELO, RODOLFO	BOBBIES AMUSEMENT CO. INC. DBA BOBBIES CAFÉ
08-235	MARCILLANA, SIMEON	MARQUEZ, NENITA V. DBA GENERAL AUTO REPAIR SHOP
08-001	MARUCOT, ANGELINA	CASTRO, ANA D.
08-062	MEDINA, MARK RYAN D.	SONIC INTERNATIONAL
08-098	MIRASOL, JOEY	LAGARTOS, ROLANDO
08-116	MOON, JANG SUB	WORLD CORPORATION DBA SAIPAN WORLD RESORT
08-157	MORERA, OFELIA	USG INVESTMENTS INC.
08-208	NAVARRETE, GRACE	MUGEN CORP. DBA WAFT BY THE SEA RESTAURANT (TWA ER)
08-101	NAVARRO, JONATHAN	TAITANO, HAL BASILIO O. DBA RNH ENTERPRISES
08-222	NGUYEN, THI THUY	R & C COMPANY, INC. DBA HELPING HANDS
08-111	ORDINADO, RICALITO	J.C. TENORIO ENTERPRISES INC. DBA HAFADA BAKERY
08-004	ORENSE, ARVIN	IBARRA, DIVINA S.
08-088	OSORIO, JOSE	GRAPHICS INC.; AGANA, NORMA M. (ER), ET. AL
08-068	PADILLA, CHARITO	FEJERAN, MATILDE LG
08-075	PADILLA, ELMER	FEJERAN, MATILDE LG
08-020	PANIBE, ANDREA	SEMAN, MALOU O. DBA ISLAND FLAVOR
08-126	PANIBE, ANDREA	ALFANTE, YOLANDA O. DBA KULTI'S ENT.
08-100	PASTORITO, HARYET	MCKENZIE, CAROL A. DBA TOMMY'S SALON
08-197	PATRICIO, JOEY	INTER PACIFIC RESORT CORP. DBA PACIFIC ISLAND CLUB SAIPAN
08-142	PATULANDONG, ENRIQUE	JOO YEON CORPORATION DBA MIRAE TOUR
08-071	PIAO, AJJIN	GUAM WIRELESS TELEPHONE CO.
08-150	PIAO, SHUNJI	K.S. CHANG CORPORATION DBA I-MART & IL JIN CAFÉ
08-196	PISANO, LEOPOLDO JR.	INTER PACIFIC RESORT CORP. DBA PACIFIC ISLAND CLUB SAIPAN
08-201	QIN, FENGJUN	PACIFIC HORIZON, LTD. (ER OF RECORD); ZHAO, YAN FANG; ZHOU, MEI LI DBA APPLE BAR
08-167	QU, YUEPING	HANS CORPORATION
08-253	QUAN, YUSHAN	KIM'S GENERAL CORPORATION
08-194	QUAN, ZAISHAN	KARIS CORP. AND MR. HAN
08-247	QUAIOIT, RONALD	TANO GROUP INC.
08-183	RAHMAN, MAZBER	PHILPAN INTERNATIONAL CORP. DBA MC-ASIA INTERNATIONAL
08-179	RAUT, SHYAM	CONCEPCION, IGNACIO
08-097	REJANO, RAMON	LAGARTOS, ROLANDO
08-134	RICAFRENTE, VILMA	ASG DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
08-136	RODRIGUEZ, MICHELLE	SANTOS, JOCELYN D.C. DBA EXPRESS BUSINESS SERVICE
08-106	RUAN, CHAOYING	SAM KWANG SAIPAN CORP.
08-232	SABADO, FELICIANO	BEA, MARIA JOYCE (DE FACTO ER) DBA KARNOT
08-028	SAMONTE, LEONIDA P.	YOUNG CHUL LEE DBA MUSUNG CORPORATION
08-048	SARMIENTO, REYNANTE	FELIPE Q. ATALIG
08-052	SAYSON, HEDELITA	BRIAN R. KENDALL
08-123	SECILLANO, VIRGILIO	RDA ENTERPRISES INC. DBA MARY'S BAKERY
08-124	SIKDER, MILON	RAY'S LAWN CARE & MAINTENANCE INC.
08-169	SOLIS, MELINDA	MAYU INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD. DBA CAFÉ DE K RESTAURANT
08-082	SUNUWAR, PADAM	CAMACHO, JOHN BORJA
08-006	SUSAN, ANTONIO	ADA, EDWARD B.
08-174	TENEBRO, LORETO	NORTHERN MARIANAS FISHERIES
08-060	TESORO, PANCID	UNTALAN, MAGDALENA
08-115	TIOZON, MA. GINA	ONE CALL INCORPORATED
08-014	TORREFRANCA, JUAN	BAKA, CHERYL R. DBA CHERYL'S MARKET
08-013	TORREGOSA, PANFILO	GOLDEN HARVEST INTL. SCHOOL INC.
08-119	TUASY, ROBERTO	RDA ENTERPRISES INC. DBA MARY'S BAKERY
08-143	TUMADA, CARMELITA	CEPEDA, CHARLOTTE R.
08-225 (T)	TUMARONG, HONELYN	FOUR SEASON INTL. CORP. DBA QUEEN NIGHT CLUB & KARAOKE
08-076	TURALBA, MARIJO	FEJERAN, MATILDE LG
08-186	VALDEZ, GERTRUDES	KUMANOMI ISLAND CO. LTD. DBA CAFÉ DE COLMAR
08-034	VALENZUELA, ELVIRA O.	VICENTE M. FALIG DBA PNB SNACK BAR
08-122	VELICARIA, MAURO	RDA ENTERPRISES INC. DBA MARY'S BAKERY
08-072	VILLANUEVA, DHANA MARIE	KAP SOON CHOI
08-206	VILLAREAL, FRANCISCO	MUGEN CORP. DBA WAFT BY THE SEA RESTAURANT
08-026	VINO, GLORIA	TUDELA, DOREEN M.
08-220	VU, LOC	R & C COMPANY, INC. DBA HELPING HANDS
08-092	WANG, JUN	FLYING DRAGON INC.
08-125	WANG, YU	CHARM INC. DBA ROSE BEAUTY SALON
08-030	WU, HONGYUN	MARIANAS GARMENT MFG CORP.
08-139	XIAO, XIUZHAO	TM SABLAN COMPANY
08-156	YANSAN, GUILLERMO	CATHERINE PANGELINAN DBA BOLIS R-US CATERING
08-166	YU, XIN HONG	L & S APPAREL CORP.
08-083	ZAMORA, KATHERINE	CONCEPCION, JESSE AND ELIZABETH
08-069	ZHANG, JIANQIN	NICE CORPORATION
08-148	ZHANG, JIN	MING DYNASTY INV. CORP. DBA MING PALACE CHINESE RESTAURANT
08-149	ZHANG, YUN	MING DYNASTY INV. CORP. DBA MING PALACE CHINESE RESTAURANT
08-058	ZHAO, CHUNXIANG	MEMO FASHION CORP.
08-025	ZHAO, YUNJIE	WORLD APPAREL, INC.
08-192	ZHU, WEN MEI	RONG HUA CORPORATION DBA DAKEYI RESTAURANT
08-178	ZOU, LILI	AMY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION DBA PURE SPA
08-008	ZUO, XIU PNIG	THREE NINE CORPORATION



# A mom’s care package for Easter

By AUTUMN BREWINGTON  
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WASHINGTON—A slip in my dorm mailbox indicated that I had a package, so I walked out to the front desk. No friends had told me to expect mail. I was wondering what it could be when the guy behind the counter handed me a large box wrapped in shiny purple paper. Its size was surprising, but the labels stunned me. My mother had spent much of the past month in the hospital. Her perfect handwriting was the last I expected.

Mom’s breast cancer was diagnosed late in the spring of 1996. She didn’t tell me until the end of the school year, my junior year in high school, because she didn’t want to distract me before finals. That’s how she thought. She started chemotherapy that summer and had a mastectomy in December. Next came radiation treatment. And radiation burn. In early 1997 it seemed as though the treatment could be as bad as the disease.

Then came the turnaround. I can’t pinpoint a date, but it was probably March. She was still weak, still resting a lot, but (ital) she (end ital) was re-emerging from the sickness. Post-chemo, her memory came back. She started enjoying books again. She cooked. She became not only her old self but better. She was like a walking ad for “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff.” We talked a lot. It made for a nice spring.

I went to college that August. Mom was fine then. In November she turned 47. A couple of weeks later she mentioned that her back hurt. This came up a few times, and when I was home at Christmas

Last week, I took my third trip to Saipan in one year, to visit relatives and to show my grandmother around the island. I enjoyed almost everything about the trip, except just one thing. Here’s my story. I convinced my grandmother to rent-a-car and was thrilled when she agreed (this was her first time driving anywhere besides Guam).

We were coming to the end of Tun Herman Pan Rd. when we saw the three-way intersection, (left for Dandan, right for San Vicente, and our part of the road) there is a divider in the middle of the road that allows vehicles coming from Dandan to turn onto Tun Herman Pan Rd. (This is where it gets scary) One, thing I realized about roads on Saipan is that the roads are not clearly marked.

Anyways, my grandma and I were confused on where to go so she drove to the side of the lane where the cars coming from the opposite direction turn into the road. Luckily while driving on the left side of the road we didn’t get hit. I know, common sense, but Saipan needs to clearly define road borders, etc.

My grandmother didn’t know whether Beach Road in front of DFS was a two-lane road or not. And, she told me that she was terrified while driving down Navy Hill. Instead of concentrating on issues that need no attention, the CNMI government should shift priorities and implement a road rehabilitation program before serious happens.

*Si Yu’us Ma’ase!*

Aguarin Iriarte  
Guam

## TRUST

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Mr. Covey states that “Forgiveness is not always easy. In fact, for many of us it requires divine intervention. But whether or not we choose to trust, we always need to forgive—both for our own sake and for the sake of others.”

I have chosen to discuss trust today because I feel we have lost so much of it both within ourselves, our leaders, and the outside world looking in at us. We have made serious mistakes which have cost us a great price. But if we can rise to the occasion of forgiving and healing, we will once again trust and be trusted. If we can rise to the occasion of wanting to be trusted, we will once again be trusted.

Recall that yesterday, Easter Sunday, we celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ who trusted deeply but was betrayed. And today, after thousands of years and after millions of times of losing his trust, He still trusts us.

Hopefully some of our candidates will read this and show us that they can be trusted. Let us trust that they are not merely dallying with our trust only to betray it after Election Day. If we are ever to restore the world’s trust in us again, we must begin with restoring it in ourselves.

In closing I quote again from The Speed of trust by Stephen M. R. Covey: “Through my work, community service, and personal and family life over the past 20 years, I have seen enough to convince me that on every level—societal, market, organizational, relationship, and personal—people often have the ability to restore at least some measure of trust when they have lost it. . . if they’re really serious about it. If they’re not serious---or if they repeatedly abuse it after restoring it—the opportunity will likely be forfeited.”

“I bring you the gift of these four words: I believe in you.”  
—Blaise Pascal, French Physicist

I drove her to the doctor.

Part of me wonders if I would have seen it coming if I hadn’t gone away to school. I talked to her on the phone several times a week, and I wrote, but I didn’t see her, and she was so good at sheltering me, so practiced at keeping from me things she didn’t want me to know.

The tumors were on her spine. I remember fumbling with the word “metastasized,” taking her to more doctor’s appointments and picking up prescriptions. Radiation treatments were scheduled. I worried, but she insisted that I go back to school, that she would be fine.

I believed her, possibly out of habit, even when she sounded weak.

And this time she sounded very different. I bought the explanation that this was a different type of cancer, requiring more aggressive treatment, and she’d been through so much in the past year. In February, I think it was, fluid crept into her lungs. She sounded so much older when she coughed. She checked into the hospital, where they gave her pills for the fluid, and she was discharged after a few days.

In March the fluid returned, and she went back to the hospital. This time the pills didn’t work as well, and she stayed longer. I talked to her every few days, and last I had heard she was slowly improving.

So the big purple box seemed logistically impossible.

When I got to my room I set the box on my bed. I cut off the part of the purple paper with my address for my scrapbook. Pulling back one flap of the box, I saw a white handle. The basket I lifted out was rectangular, eight or nine inches wide, and maybe 18 inches

The basic strength and validity of the Commonwealth’s suit against the federal government is the argument that a law of the land passed with limited application to a target political entity rather than being applicable to all States and territories, is unconstitutional.

The burden of proof that the limited application is discriminatory is, however, on the side of the protesting entity, the CNMI. I gather that that’s exactly what our Governor intends to do.

Now, we are hearing statements that since the regulations addressing residencies and visas for the CNMI has not been released yet, that we will not know how to operate until those regulations are released. Why can we not use the same argument against the selective federal imposition on labor and immigration apply similarly to the regulations, that there is no reason not to expect existing regulations applicable in other jurisdictions to apply in the CNMI. If the federal law says that a person who has made a sovereign US territory his legal domicile for five years, that he qualifies to apply for permanent residency, would we begrudge that on those who might qualify among us?

The recent statements from the White House regarding immigration reform focused on not separating families, and uniting members of the same family indicate the direction we would rather assume.

The statement foisted on CNMI permanent residents who do not have a U.S. visa, that they would not be allowed back to the

I just learned that CHC management told Dr. Loutoby, the lone nephrologist working at CHC, that if he did not accept a 20-percent pay cut his contract would not be renewed. This is absolutely ridiculous considering that Dr. Loutoby’s single-nephrologist salary is fully funded by federal money and that he is doing the job of two nephrologists (even though CHC receives federal funding for both)! Federal funding for two nephrologists—yet the one we have is forced to take a 20-percent salary cut?

What the heck are the Secretary of Public Health and the other managers and administrators at CHC thinking? I thought the purpose and goal of the Department of Public Health is to care for and preserve the health of the people of the CNMI. They are not doing it. Consequently, they should be fired for being inadequate and incapable; and real medical managers and administrators should be appointed and hired to properly lead and manage CHC.

Last year, Dr. Loutoby saved my kidneys. The people of the CNMI suffer with diabetes and an inordinate amount of kidney and dialysis problems, yet CHC management loses the one doctor with the experience and training to help. A nephrologist is a physician who has been educated and trained in kidney diseases, kidney transplantation, and dialysis therapy. Does anyone seriously believe

## Re: China and Russia

**To: Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Congressman Gregorio Sablan**

While Cyber spies have been speculated of penetrating U.S. Electrical Grid the two of you our highest elected Officials representing our homeland are still begging for the inclusion of the Russian and China markets.

Speculations or not we are all at risk. There is a reason that DEFENSE was the primary issue when U.S. Congress passed Public Law 110-229. If this kinds of reports do not alarm any of you then you are jeopardizing the well-being of our people in our Homeland. Although your quest for delay may be correct in terms of the federal government securing our borders properly, the continued hopes of inclusion of the Russian and China market should be abandoned immediately and concentration on better and more stringent security of

long. Some of the flowers spray-painted on the side were purple, my favorite color. The bottom was stuffed — stuffed — with green plastic grass, which was itself littered with Hershey’s kisses and Miniatures, wrapped in Easter pastels.

This meant that Mom either forgot or didn’t care that I had given up candy as a New Year’s resolution.

I started eating as I felt through the grass. There were two picture frames. A sky-blue square frame with white magnolia-like flowers along the top and an adorable bee on the side won my heart instantly. The other was a traditional rectangle with roses on each side and green and gold trim. “Eh,” I thought, and kept digging.

There were green satin pajamas with purple roses and a short-sleeve cream top. Not long before, I had signed up for yoga classes and bought a pair of olive pants with a beige stripe down the side. “They’re really cute,” I had told Mom. “But I don’t know what to wear them with.” She asked exactly what color the stripe was and said that maybe we could find something when I went home.

The shirt and the pajamas fit perfectly. Actually, they still do. I wear them infrequently so as not to wear them out.

Mom died April 22, 1998, about two weeks after Easter. The basket she sent is in my room at my father’s home. The green frame, which I have since grown attached to, holds a picture of me and a friend. The blue square frame is in my living room, holding a picture of her.

*The writer is assistant editor of The Washington Post's editorial page.*

Commonwealth should they be outside the territory when the federal laws become applicable, is not one that is attributable to a federal officer, the INS or Homeland Security. In fact, I saw it first articulated by CNMI’s top immigration officer.

Now, our Washington Representative is mouthing the same line. It is totally based on fear, or anticipation of a restrictive and retributive policy, which may be what local CNMI politicians want, but not federal laws, as far as I know.

So, why do we need to scare people who are already apprehensive about their immigration status to begin with, out of perceived limitations rather than from the perspective of what is possible, be scared some more? The land of the free and the home of the brave, after all, is a nation of immigrants. If we shift our stance so that we enable qualified residents rather than deselecting them with illusory compliance, we might actually recover our innate compassion, the generosity of the *taotao tano*, and the openness of the *taotao tasi*. If we focus on what we can rather than on what we cannot do, we can avoid recrimination where none is needed nor justified.

Right now, we look like an entity who, after we have used, abused, and overused our alien workers who have served us well and have been with us awhile, is ready to discard them like spent condoms!

I trust that we are a class higher than that. Or, are we?

Jaime R. Vergara  
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## Shame, shame, shame on CHC

there is not a critical need for such a doctor in the CNMI?

CHC gets a lot of federal diabetes money—yet it fails to retain the one doctor that can help, and continues to fail to hire even a single diabetic nurse. These failures at CHC guarantees that our family members and friends with kidney needs will die prematurely instead of enjoying extended and happier and healthier lives. What a shame. What a crime.

Please governor, remove these incompetent managers, and appoint someone to these critical health positions that will actually manage CHC without the apparent insecurities and short-sightedness of the current administrators. Of the few remaining doctors at CHC, I imagine some of them have administrative experience. Appoint someone who knows what they are doing and keeps in mind the health and welfare of the community when making decisions.

This is the political season, and I suggest we all look closely at the candidates and ask ourselves who will actually help transform CHC from the place where people go to die to a place where people go to be healed.

**Matt Smith**  
*Talafofo*

our borders be made a priority.

Such calls for inclusion sends a negative overview of our homeland government by the United States federal government and members of U.S. Congress that truly we are being managed by a government who have no idea or knowledge of what they are asking for, to include an embarrassment. We are just a tiny island out in the Pacific and regardless whether we are thousands of miles away from the United States there knowledge of such activities are far more advanced and sophisticated compared to our homeland.

**Gregorio Cruz Jr.**  
*Taotao Tano president*



# Int'l students complete English language course

The Northern Marianas College's Division of Community Programs and Services' Community Development Institute recently recognized several individuals who completed the program's English Language Development Course.

The course taught participants the fundamentals of the English language such as enunciation, pronunciation and dialogues. The course also helped students understand and master the grammatical concepts necessary for interactive skills development. Throughout the course, students practiced these concepts in oral dialogue and conversation exercises.

Many of the 23 participants in this course were international students participating in internship programs to learn about the hospitality field and hotel management at various hotels and resorts on Saipan. These interns were

mainly college students from various countries of Asia, including China and Korea. In addition, the students sought to improve their English language skills and to learn about CNMI and American culture while interning on Saipan.

The 13 participants present at the award ceremony were given Certificates of Competence on Friday, April 3, in the Executive Conference Room of the Saipan World Resort.

The Community Development Institute is offering other personal enrichment and professional development courses, such as the "Customer Service and Administrative Training" and "Computer Literacy" courses that are open to community members. For more information, contact CDI at 234-5498 ext. 1010, e-mail [johnm@nmcnet.edu](mailto:johnm@nmcnet.edu), or log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu) to see a schedule of classes. (NMC)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

International students interning at Saipan World Resort pose for a photo with staff of the Northern Marianas College after receiving their Certificates of Competence for completing the Community Development Institute's English Language Development Course. The certificate award ceremony took place on April 3 in the Executive Conference Room of the Saipan World Resort.

## NMC offers course to improve English language skills

The Northern Marianas College, through the Division of Community Programs and Services' Community Development Institute, is offering short-term classes to interested individuals who wish to improve their English language. The courses are offered as part of the College's mission to provide customized, continuing educational

and professional development opportunities in response to community needs.

The course will teach participants the fundamentals of the English language such as enunciation, pronunciation and dialogues. Additionally, this course aims to help participants understand and master the grammatical concepts necessary for interactive skills de-

velopment. Throughout the course, students will practice these concepts in oral dialogue and conversation exercises.

Additionally, the classes, which are designed to improve individual knowledge and specific skills, are geared around actual workforce needs and experiences based on course surveys,

### IN BRIEF

#### English Language Development Course

■ April 13, 15, 17, 20, 24, 27, 29 & May 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18

■ Schedule: 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

■ Room: Q-1 (Monday & Wednesday), Q-2 (Friday)

■ Fee: \$300

community needs assessments, and interviews with employers. The April/May course schedule

and fees are listed below. For a more detailed description of each course, contact CDI at 234-5498 ext. 1005 or log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu).

CDI will also be offering its "Computer Literacy" and "Customer Service and Administrative Training" courses that begin in April. For a schedule of these classes, please log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu).

It is preferred that all interested individuals register be-

fore the start of the first day of class. Certificates of attendance and competence will be awarded to registered students who complete all course requirements. Full payment is required for admission to a class. To register or for information about these classes, please visit the CDI Office in Building P on the NMC Campus in As Terlaje or call John Manalo 234-5498 extension 1010 or e-mail [johnm@nmcnet.edu](mailto:johnm@nmcnet.edu). (NMC)

## Youth Conference fees increase after April 18

Save \$25 if you register by April 18 for the 19th Annual Youth for Youth Conference which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

The Prevention and Training Branch staff of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse continues to mentor Guam's youth through the planning and implementation of the Annual Youth For Youth Conference. This year's conference will be held from April 25 to 27,

2009 with an anticipated 400 middle and high school students in attendance.

With a conference theme "Think!" youth from Guam and the neighboring islands will generate discussions around issues and problems that affect them today, as well as provide thought-out problem-solving strategies.

"Each year's conference has proven to be quite impressive as youth recruit their peers who

commit to learning and leading," says Bobbie S.N. Benavente, DMHSA Supervisor for the Prevention and Training Branch. "They decide on their conference theme, select among themselves and/or volunteer to work in various conference planning sub-committees and identify what topics this year must be emphasized to encourage youth to "Think" constructively and critically about its impact in their personal lives and

the lives of their families.

"Over 40 youth facilitators have been trained in the various workshop topics. They've been working really hard to prepare for this conference so that they can positively influence other youth on Guam and throughout Micronesia," said Logan Reyes, Adult Conference Chair.

Government agencies and corporate businesses who have committed to support this year's conference include Department

of Youth Affairs, Department of Public Health & Social Services, Office Of Highway & Safety, Guam National Guard Counter drug Program, Guam Department of Labor, One Stop Career Center, Bank of Guam, Government of Guam Employees

Federal Credit Union, Subway/Foremost Foods, Coca Cola Beverage Company, *Pacific Daily News*, KSTO/KISH, KIJJ, Sorenson Media Group, Elite Printing, Hollywood Theaters, GPO Digital Signage, and TriVision.

After April 18, registration

fees will increase from \$75 to \$100 per participant. Registration forms are available through school counselors, at the PEACE office in Hagatna and/or can be downloaded through [www.peaceguam.org](http://www.peaceguam.org)

Completed forms must be submitted with payment to *Youth for Youth Live!* to ensure reserved participant slots.

For more information about the upcoming conference, call the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Prevention & Training Branch at (671) 477-9079 thru 9083 or Audrey Topasna at (671) 477-2304 or visit [www.peaceguam.org](http://www.peaceguam.org). (PR)



### CHANGE OF COMMAND

Rear Adm. Manson Brown (at podium), commander of the 14th Coast Guard District, officiates at a change of command ceremony for the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Kukui*, Friday, April 10, 2009, at the Integrated Support Command in Honolulu Harbor. Lt. Cmdr. Bob Little (second from right on stage) officially assumed command of the *Kukui* from Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Matadobra (third from right on stage), the buoy tender's commanding officer since June 2006. Matadobra's next assignment is at U.S. Coast Guard Patrol Boat Forces Southwest Asia in Bahrain, where he will serve as the deputy commander. On stage to the right is the 14th District's Command Master Chief Leilani Cale-Jones. PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS LUKE CLAYTON

## Live Fire Releases at FDM

The Emergency Management Office, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the public that the U.S. Military Unit would be conducting Live Fire Releases 13 EBS on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla.

The schedule dates and time are as follow:

■ April 14 and 16, 2009 from 9am to 3pm - LIVE FIRE RELEASES 13 EBS.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla Training Area (R7201) on a ten (10) nautical mile radius on all

quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office, Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. (PR)



## Business

# America's uninsured have not shown collective power

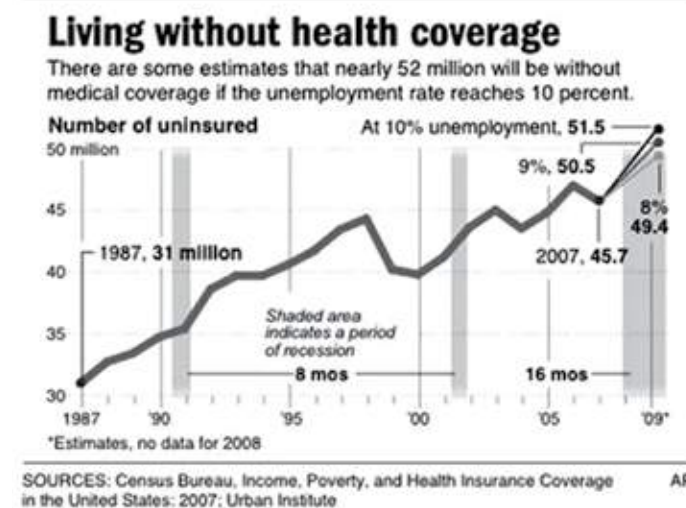
WASHINGTON (AP)—If the uninsured were a political lobbying group, they'd have more members than AARP. The National Mall couldn't hold them if they decided to march on Washington.

But going without health insurance is still seen as a personal issue, a misfortune for many and a choice for some. People who lose coverage often struggle alone instead of turning their frustration into political action.

Illegal immigrants rallied in Washington during past immigration debates, but the uninsured linger in the background as Congress struggles with a health care overhaul that seems to have the best odds in years of passing.

That isolation could have profound repercussions.

Lawmakers already face tough choices to come up with the hundreds of billions it would cost to guarantee coverage for all. The lack of a vocal constituency won't help. Congress



might decide to cover the uninsured slowly, in stages.

The uninsured "do not provide political benefit for the aid you give them," said Robert Blendon, a professor of health policy and political analysis at the Harvard School of Public Health. "That's one of the dilemmas in getting all this money. If I'm in Congress, and

I help out farmers, they'll help me out politically. But if I help out the uninsured, they are not likely to help members of Congress get re-elected."

The number of uninsured has grown to an estimated 50 million people because of the recession. Even so, advocates in the halls of Congress are rarely the uninsured themselves.

## Federal budget deficit sets March record \$192.3B

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Treasury Department said Friday that the budget deficit increased by \$192.3 billion in March, and is near \$1 trillion just halfway through the budget year, as costs of the financial bailout and recession mount.

Last month's deficit, a record for March, was significantly higher than the \$150 billion that economists expected.

The deficit already totals \$956.8 billion for the first six months of the budget year, also a record for that period. The Obama administration projects the deficit for the entire year will hit \$1.75 trillion.

A deficit at that level would nearly quadruple the previous annual record of \$454.8 billion set last year. The March deficit was nearly four times the size of the imbalance in the same month last year.

Nearly \$300 billion provided to the nation's banks and other companies to cope with the most severe financial crisis in seven decades has pushed government spending higher.

The Treasury report said that through the end of March, \$293.4 billion had been provided to support companies through the \$700 billion bailout fund Congress passed

last October. That support has been provided primarily to banks, although insurance giant American International Group Inc. and auto companies General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC also have received assistance.

Besides the bailout fund, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac received \$46 billion last month, bringing the total assistance provided to the mortgage finance companies to \$59.8 billion since October. The government took control of both last September after they had suffered billions of dollars in losses on mortgage loans.

## Obama says economy showing 'glimmers of hope'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama declared Friday that the slumping economy has begun to show "glimmers of hope," but cautioned that it remains severely stressed and will require lots more work to turn it around.

Once criticized for talking too pessimistically about the economy, Obama is highlighting the positive.

"We're starting to see glimmers of hope across the economy," the president said after a White House meeting with his economic team, including Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and top economic adviser Larry Summers. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke also participated in the session.



Obama

Obama echoed Summers' prediction a day earlier that the "sense of a ball falling off a table" would end in a few months.

The president highlighted signs of thawing in the credit markets, particularly for small businesses seeking loans, along with tax cuts he said workers will soon see in their paychecks and a jump in mortgage refinancings due to historically low interest rates.

Obama said those positive moves as well as infrastructure work and other spending underwritten by his \$787 billion stimulus program all point to welcome signs of long-anticipated economic improvement.

"We're starting to see progress," Obama said. "And if we

stick with it, if we don't flinch in the face of some difficulties, then I feel absolutely convinced that we are going to get this economy back on track."

The president threw in a dose of sober reality, too.

"Now, we have always been very cautious about prognosticating and that's not going to change just because it's Easter," Obama said. "The economy is still under severe stress."

Unemployment hit a 25-year high of 8.5 percent in March, and many people are still losing their homes or jobs, or fear losing them.

"So we've still got a lot of work to do," Obama said. Without elaborating, he said the administration would take steps in the coming weeks to help further improve the business climate.

## Nation

# Calif. Sunday school teacher booked in 8-year-old's death

TRACY, Calif. (AP)—Police said Saturday they do not know what motivated the Sunday school teacher they arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and killing an 8-year-old girl whose body was found in a suitcase dumped in an irrigation pond.

Melissa Huckaby, 28, a local minister's granddaughter, was arrested late Friday about five hours after she drove herself to the local police station at the request of officers, said police Sgt. Tony Sheneman. She was being held without bail in connection with the death of Sandra Cantu, the San Joaquin County sheriff's office said.

Sandra disappeared on March 27 and hundreds of volunteers and law enforcement officials turned out to



AP

This image provided by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's department shows the booking photo of Melissa Huckaby taken Saturday April 11, 2009.

search for her. On April 6, farmworkers draining an irrigation pond found the suitcase.

Huckaby walked into the police station Friday and started

a conversation with officers, Sheneman said at a news conference.

"She was calm, cool and collected, then she became very emotional .... She went back and forth from being calm to emotional."

Eventually, she became "resigned," Sheneman said.

"I couldn't begin to even theorize what her motive was," he said.

"Sandra was very close friends with Melissa's daughter. They used to play together," Sheneman said.

Investigators know where the girl was killed but can't disclose the location, he said. Autopsy results are not yet available. He wouldn't say whether police believe the slaying was accidental or deliberate.

## Tornado survivor: 'Sounded like 7 freight trains'

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP)—The worst sound Eric Funkhouser said he has ever heard was a 10-second "boom" followed by a man's screams.

A tornado hit Funkhouser's home in Murfreesboro, about 30 miles southeast of Nashville, on Friday, part of severe storms that spawned tornadoes across the Southeast blamed for three deaths and dozens of injuries.

"It sounded like seven freight trains and 22 vacuum cleaners all going at the same time," Funkhouser said Saturday as he returned to what is left of his home and neighborhood.

Funkhouser ran outside and found his neighbor John Bryant laying in Funkhouser's front yard, covered with blood and screaming.

"He kept saying that his wife and baby were out there with him and he had to find them," Funkhouser said.

Twenty minutes later, Funkhouser and other survivors found Bryant's wife, Kori, dead in the gravel driveway under debris and 9-week-old Olivia Bryant was found dead buckled into her car seat, beneath carpet and a tree.

## Obama has hundreds of important jobs still open

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama doesn't have time for a victory lap now that his Cabinet is finally largely in place.

One level down, he faces gaping holes in the ranks he needs to fill if there is to be any hope of turning his ambitious agenda into action on health care, the environment and much more.

After a spurt of recent activity that followed a problem-plagued start, Obama is outpacing George W. Bush

and Bill Clinton on appointments. But Obama, like his two immediate predecessors, is bogged down in a system that has grown increasingly cumbersome over the years. And he's added tougher-than-ever background checks and ethics rules.

"Obama will be faster than Clinton and Bush when all is said and done, but it's still a slow process," said New York University professor Paul Light, an expert on the fed-

eral government. "A turtle is a turtle. The Obama administration is a pretty fast turtle, but it's no hare."

What's at stake is much more than bragging rights for how quickly Obama can fill in an organizational chart with names for undersecretary of this and deputy assistant secretary of that. These are the people Obama needs to carry out all sorts of promised initiatives and policy shifts, and to assure that the nation stays safe along the way.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Retired NYC officer shoots NY cop, kills himself

WEST BABYLON, N.Y. (AP)—A retired New York City police officer shot an off-duty officer he suspected was having an affair with his police officer wife, then killed himself in the driveway of his suburban home, authorities said Saturday. Cecil Ramsay confronted his wife and a friend, both off-duty New York Police Department officers, when the pair arrived at the family's home Saturday morn-

ing, Suffolk County police said. He accused Officer Edwin Chittick "of seeing his wife," Dady Belfort, said Suffolk County police Detective Lt. Jack Fitzpatrick. "It's our understanding that that is not the case. They're just acquaintances," Fitzpatrick said.

#### Obamas pick 6-month-old Portuguese water dog

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's decided: the Obamas have chosen a 6-month-old Portu-

guese water dog to be the first pet. In what was one of the White House's most tightly kept secrets, President Barack Obama's daughters, 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, have settled on a black and white pup, a White House official speaking on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press Saturday night. The dog, a gift from Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts who owns several Portuguese water dogs himself, will make his big debut Tuesday afternoon.



# Asia

## SKorea, China, Japan want strong message for North

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—The leaders of South Korea, China and Japan agreed Saturday to send North Korea a “powerful message” over its rocket launch, an official said, but their newfound unity could result in a weaker response than the one Tokyo originally sought.

The leaders shared the view that the global community should “promptly send a powerful message to North Korea in a unified voice,” South Korean presidential spokeswoman Kim Eun-hye said in a statement.

It was issued after South Korean President Lee Myung-bak,

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso met on the sidelines of a chaotic regional summit in Thailand.

Their meeting came as the U.N. Security Council appeared to be making progress in breaking a deadlock over how to respond to North Korea’s April 5 rocket launch.

The communist nation launched what it said was a satellite, though the U.S., Japan and South Korea said it was actually testing long-range missile technology, which the North is banned from doing under a

2006 Security Council resolution. North Korea says satellite launches are allowed under a U.N. space treaty.

Wen and Aso were at odds during their meeting over whether the council should adopt a resolution or a presidential statement, Kim said. China, a key ally of North Korea, had pressed for a lighter reprimand. But Tokyo, which had been pushing for a full resolution, hinted that it would instead accept a presidential statement—drafted by China in consultation with Washington—that was circulated Thursday.

## Thai police arrest anti-govt protest leader

**PATTAYA, Thailand (AP)**—Thailand evacuated Asian leaders by helicopter after hundreds of anti-government protesters stormed into their summit site Saturday, forcing the country’s embattled prime minister to cancel the meeting.

The latest fiasco in Thailand’s political crisis increased the threat of violence and a possible military crackdown.

More than 1,000 demon-

strators broke through a wall of unarmed soldiers, smashed through the convention center’s glass doors and ran through the building, blowing horns, waving Thai flags and shouting demands for Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to resign.

They declared victory after Abhisit was forced to cancel the 16-country summit, where leaders of regional powers China, Japan and India, and

the U.N. secretary-general and president of the World Bank, planned to discuss the global financial crisis.

Abhisit later denounced the protesters on national television as the “enemies of Thailand.”

The country’s political tension has simmered since former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was removed by a military coup in 2006.

## Afghan cleric defends contentious marriage law

**KABUL (AP)**—A key backer of an Afghan law that critics say legalizes marital rape and rolls back women’s rights rejected an international outcry as foreign meddling on Saturday and insisted the law offers women many protections.

The law, passed last month, says a husband can demand sex with his wife every four days un-

less she is ill or would be harmed by intercourse, and regulates when and for what reasons a wife may leave her home alone.

“It is essential for the woman to submit to the man’s sexual desire,” the law says.

The legislation has raised the specter of the deposed hard-line Taliban regime, which fell in 2001 after the U.S. invaded Afghanis-

stan. The Taliban required women to wear all-covering burqas and banned them from leaving home without a male relative.

Following an international uproar over the new law, which President Barack Obama called “abhorrent,” Afghan President Hamid Karzai put it under review. The move puts enforcement on hold.

would indicate “several hundred at least, maybe 1,000 or 2,000 even.” The team also encountered an adult male, which angrily threw branches as they tried to take photos, and a mother and child. There are an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 orangutans left in the wild, 90 percent of them in Indonesia and the rest in neighboring Malaysia.

The countries are the world’s top producers of palm oil, used in food, cosmetics and to meet growing demands for “clean-burning” fuels in the U.S. and Europe. Rain forests, where the solitary animals spend almost all of their time, have been clear-cut and burned at alarming rates to make way for lucrative plantations.

### Militants torch trucks along US-NATO supply line

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)**—Some 150 militants armed with rockets and automatic weapons attacked a northwest Pakistani terminal that lies along a key supply route used by U.S. and NATO troops, wounding three guards and torching eight cement trucks Sunday, police said. Militants in Pakistan frequently attack cargo terminals and other stops used by vehicles taking supplies to Western troops in Afghanistan through the legendary Khyber Pass. Scores of trucks have been damaged, while several people have died, adding urgency to U.S. efforts to find safer routes. The latest attack started around 2 a.m. on the outskirts of the main northwest city of Peshawar, local police officer Gharibullah Khan told The Associated Press. “They fired rockets and used automatic weapons and torched at least eight trailers carrying cement,” he said. A gunbattle at the scene wounded three guards, one of whom was in critical condition, Khan said.

# World

## US ship reaches Kenya minus kidnapped captain

**MOMBASA, Kenya (AP)**—Nineteen American sailors who escaped a pirate hijacking off the Horn of Africa reached safe harbor on Saturday, exhilarated by freedom but mourning the absence of the captain they hailed for sacrificing his freedom to save them.

With a throng of reporters shouting questions from shore, the crew of the Maersk Alabama described an ordeal that began with Somali pirates hauling themselves onto the deck from a small boat bobbing on the surface of the Indian Ocean far below.

“They came from the stern of the ship and came on with hooks and ropes and were firing in the air when they got on board,” said ATM Reza, a crew member who said he was the first to see the pirates board Wednesday.

As the pirates shot in the air, Capt. Richard Phillips, 53, of Underhill, Vermont, told his crew to lock themselves



This frame made from TV, shows crew members on board the American ship Maersk Alabama, whose captain remains held hostage by Somali pirates, arriving in Mombasa, Kenya, with the 19 remaining crew members aboard, Saturday April 11, 2009.

in a cabin and surrendered himself to safeguard his men, crew members said. Phillips was still held hostage in an enclosed lifeboat Saturday by four pirates being closely watched by U.S. warships in an increasingly tense standoff.

A Pentagon spokesman said negotiations were ongoing.

“He saved our lives!” second mate Ken Quinn, of Bradenton, Florida, declared from the ship as it docked in the resort and port city of Mombasa. “He’s a hero.”

## Pope carries Easter candle in Vatican basilica

**VATICAN CITY (AP)**—Pope Benedict XVI carried a tall, lit candle symbolizing hope into a darkened St. Peter’s Basilica packed with faithful Saturday night in the traditional start of the Vatican’s vigil Mass on the eve of Easter.

A chant of “Lumen Christi” (Latin for “Light of Christ”) echoed in the cavernous basilica.

Then the vast space began twinkling with light as cardinals and other prelates lit their candles from the flame on the

pope’s Easter candle and, one by one, members of the congregation lit their neighbor’s candle in a quick succession of lights.

A light switch was thrown, and the Mass began, led by Benedict, dressed in gold-and-white colored vestments.

Easter Sunday is Christian-

ity’s most important feast day, when faithful mark their belief in the resurrection of Christ after Jesus’ death by crucifixion. For Christians worldwide, Easter represents God’s promise of eternal life after death, of love’s triumph over death.

Benedict said Jesus, like a shepherd, gave guidance to his flock. “What great compassion he must feel in our time, too, on account of all the endless talk that people hide behind, while in reality they are totally confused,” the pope said.



Pope Benedict XVI

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Filipino, Australian devotees nailed to the cross

**SAN FERNANDO, Philippines (AP)**—Filipino devotees and an Australian man re-enacted Jesus Christ’s suffering Friday by having themselves nailed to the cross in yearly Good Friday rites frowned upon by church leaders in Asia’s largest predominantly Roman Catholic nation. John Michael, a 33-year-old Australian from Melbourne who wore a long wig and a tin crown of thorns, shouted in pain as men nailed his hands and feet to a wooden cross. Michael and four Filipino devotees, including a woman, were nailed to crosses in a makeshift stage on a basketball court in northern Bulacan province’s Paombong town as thousands of spectators looked on. Reynaldo Sulit, a town councilor, said it was the first time that a foreigner has joined the yearly rites in Paombong. Michael could not immediately be sought for comment, but a friend of his who did not give his name only said the Australian joined the crucifixion “for personal reasons.”

#### New orangutan population found in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Conservationists have discovered a new population of orangutans in a remote, mountainous corner of Indonesia—perhaps as many as 2,000—giving a rare boost to one of the world’s most critically endangered great apes. A team surveying forests nestled between jagged, limestone cliffs on the eastern edge of Borneo island counted 219 orangutan nests, indicating a “substantial” number of the animals, said Erik Meijaard, a senior ecologist at the U.S.-based The Nature Conservancy. “We can’t say for sure how many,” he said, but even the most cautious estimate

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Routine sets in for Italy quake refugees

**L’AQUILA, Italy (AP)**—Some semblance of routine was settling in at the tent camps sprawled across Italy’s central earthquake-stricken region on Saturday, and most of it involved lines: waiting for breakfast, waiting for information, waiting for a shower—a cold shower. Residents were slowly accepting that this could be their life for at least the next few months until temporary housing can be built. Some can’t even think about returning to their homes, still spooked by the quake that shook them from their sleep Monday morning and killed at least 293 people. On the eve of Easter, Roman Catholic faithful confessed their sins in a blowup tent fitted with an altar and a crucifix to prepare for Mass the next day. In other tents, people gathered around flat screen TVs to watch a soccer game or a news program reporting the death toll had risen—with the latest bodies pulled from the rubble of a building in L’Aquila, only a few blocks away. Their plight was remembered across the nation. Soccer matches on Saturday were preceded by a minute of silence, and several clubs were donating gate receipts to help survivors.

#### Galapagos volcano erupts, could threaten wildlife

**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)**—Ecuador officials say a volcano is erupting in the Galapagos Islands and could harm unique wildlife. The Galapagos National Park says La Cumbre volcano began spewing lava, gas and smoke on uninhabited Fernandina Island on Saturday after four years

of inactivity. The park says in a statement the eruption is not a threat to people living on nearby Isabela Island. But it says lava flowing to the sea will likely affect marine and terrestrial iguanas, wolves and other fauna. The Galapagos are home to unique animal and plant species that became the basis for Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution. Scientists say Fernandina is the island with the most volcanic activity in the archipelago. La Cumbre last erupted in May 2005.

#### Peru military says 13 soldiers dead in ambushes

**LIMA, Peru (AP)**—Suspected guerrillas have killed 13 Peruvian soldiers in ambushes on two patrols in a jungle region known for coca production and lingering rebel activity, the government said Saturday. Four more were wounded and two are still missing from Thursday’s attacks in the Apurimac-Ene River Valley of southeastern Peru, according to the military. The guerrillas apparently first attacked one of the patrols with explosives, killing one and wounding three, and then tracked and ambushed the other group. “Twelve (from the second patrol) have been found dead in a ravine, and some of their weapons have been taken—surely by the Shining Path,” Defense Minister Antero Flores-Araoz told reporters late Saturday. The Maoist Shining Path once boasted 10,000 fighters and rocked the capital with nearly daily car bombings before fading after the capture of its founder in 1992. Officials say the guerrillas number about 500 today and survive through drug trafficking.



# Health & Fitness

## Triathlons deadlier than marathons

By JEANNINE STEIN  
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When it comes to a higher body count, triathlons beat marathons. Not that competitors are dropping like flies, but in a study presented recently at the American College of Cardiology's annual scientific session in Orlando, Fla., sudden deaths in triathlons were found to be about twice as high as in marathons: 1.5 per 100,000 versus 0.8 per 100,000.

Previous research on marathon deaths had been established, but statistics on sudden deaths in triathlons were not known. Researchers looked at deaths that occurred in 2,846 triathlons featuring 922,810 participants from January 2006 to September 2008. Although the deaths occurred during all races, not just long ones, nearly all happened during the swim portion. That led study authors to theorize that, during the



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swim, competitors may have little opportunity to rest or signal for help. They also could be difficult for rescue workers to see. During the two-year pe-

riod, there were 14 deaths: 13 in swimming, one in cycling. The study was sponsored by the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation.

## Studies of 'good' fat could help with weight loss

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
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Fight fat with fat? The newest obesity theory suggests we may one day be able to do just that. Just like good and bad cholesterol, there apparently are good and bad types of body fat. Scientists until recently believed this good fat, which spurs the body to burn calories to generate body heat, played an important role in keeping infants warm but by adulthood was mostly gone or inactive.

Now three studies—from researchers in Boston, Finland and the Netherlands—show that some good fat remains in adults, affecting metabolism and potentially offering a target to help people shed pounds.

Dr. Francesco Celi, an endocrinology and metabolism researcher at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, said the studies show this fat burns large amounts of energy.

"So it could be used as a target" for a pill that would somehow rev up the fat, he said.

Dr. Louis Aronne, former president of the Obesity Society and a weight control expert at Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York, said the findings are the most conclusive evidence so far of the role of such fat in regulating body temperature and weight.

"I don't want to use the word 'exercise-in-a-pill,' but it's doing something (that's) getting rid of calories," he said, adding that any obesity treatment developed around the fat could be a potential treatment for diabetes as well.

The studies were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The good fat is actually brownish, while the more predominant bad fat is white or yellow. Brown fat is stored mostly around the neck and under the collarbone. White fat tends to concentrate around the waistline, where it stores excess energy and releases chemicals that control metabolism and the use of insulin.

All three research groups documented the presence and activity of the brown fat by examining tissue samples from some patients and using high-tech imaging that indicated how much sugar, and therefore calories, the fat burned.

One group from Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School and three hospitals in Boston looked at scans done on nearly 2,000 patients to diagnose various health problems. The other two groups scanned small numbers of patients, first at room temperature and then after a couple hours in mild cold, about 60 degrees.

Here's what the scientists learned about brown fat:

- Lean people had far more than overweight and obese people, especially among older folks.

- It burns far more calories and generates more body heat when people are in a cooler environment.

- Women were more likely to have it than men, and their deposits were larger and more active.

Finding a successful treatment for obesity would be a Holy Grail for scientists. Most

obese and overweight people are unable to shed pounds and keep them off with dieting and exercise.

And despite plenty of effort, pharmaceutical companies have been unable to develop a medicine that helps people safely lose and keep off a significant amount of weight. Any drug that could do that would be a guaranteed blockbuster.

Aronne said the findings likely would renew interest in the area of brown fat among drugmakers; at least one briefly studied a treatment in lab animals several years ago.

So how could researchers use these basic findings about good fat to eventually come up with a weight-loss medication?

One possibility would be a pill to stimulate a specific protein to release more energy from the fat cells in the form of heat rather than storing it for future energy needs, Aronne and Celi said.

Finding a way to increase the amount of brown fat in a person would be another strategy. Researchers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston have been injecting certain genes into mice to try to produce brown fat cells instead of white ones.

Celi said researchers also could try to make a pill that stimulates nerve endings inside brown fat to make it burn more calories.

Or overweight people could simply try turning down the thermostat to see if it makes them burn more energy and lose weight—a strategy that Celi and researchers are testing in a small study that could produce results by the end of the year.

# Life & Style

## Beatle's girlfriend sometimes misses transit work

NEW YORK (AP)—Nancy Shevell beamed for hundreds of cameras in London's Leicester Square, a green silk jacket on one arm and Paul McCartney on the other. The 49-year-old trucking heiress dazzled on the red carpet at a movie premiere with the ex-Beatle, her boyfriend of 18 months.

Two days later, Shevell shielded herself behind a colleague, turning away from cameras recording a Metropolitan Transportation Authority meeting where she cast a vote to raise city subway fares 25 percent.

Few who have seen Shevell photographed in Israel, Antigua and at the Grammy Awards with McCartney know of her other life as an executive at a New Jersey trucking company and board member of the nation's largest mass transit agency.

But her public and behind-the-scenes personas have collided more and more since the socialite began seeing McCartney in the Hamptons in late 2007.

Since January 2008, Shevell has missed four full board meetings, more than any voting member, according to MTA meeting minutes reviewed by The Associated Press. She attended one Finance Committee meeting in the past year, and has 26 absences total, according to the agency's records.

Shevell skipped an MTA committee meeting approving a controversial fare hike the day she walked the red carpet in London. Since early 2008, the unpaid appointee has the worst attendance of any voting board member, sometimes missing meetings to travel around the world with McCartney.

"It is significant. The whole point of the board is to be a check and balance on the MTA's staff work. You've got to be physically present to do that," said Gene Russianoff, a New York City transit advocate. If members can't show up for meetings, he said, "they should resign."

But celebrity observers aren't surprised that Shevell's former private life is taking a back seat to the 66-year-old McCartney.

"Who can blame her?" said Peter Castro, deputy managing editor of People magazine. "How many of us would be happy at an MTA meeting versus stepping out onto the red carpet at a Grammy event with a living Beatle?"

Shevell—who didn't return messages seeking comment left at her offices and at the MTA—is the vice president for administration of New England Motor Freight Inc., an Elizabeth, N.J., trucking company serving the Northeast and owned by her father, Myron P. Shevell. She was married for over 20 years to attorney Bruce Blakeman, a close friend to former Gov. George Pataki, who appointed her to the MTA board. Barbara Walters is her cousin.

But Shevell's public profile barely existed

before photographs appeared in late 2007 of her and McCartney in the Hamptons on Long Island, where McCartney long vacationed with his wife Linda, who died from breast cancer in 1998.

"Nobody knew who she was," said Hamptons scene chronicler Steven Gaines, the co-author of "The Love You Make: An Insider's Story of The Beatles." "She's like 25,000 other accomplished women out here in the Hamptons."

Since then, she's become a red-carpet staple, appearing at the March 23 premiere of "The Boat That Rocked" in London, fashion shows by McCartney's daughter Stella, the Grammys and McCartney concerts around the world.

The public has largely embraced the love story, especially McCartney fans disillusioned by the ex-Beatle's bitter breakup from his second wife, Heather Mills, said Castro.

"Any person coming after that is going to get a lot of attention and scrutiny, because it's a soap opera," he said. "They seem to be really in love and just tremendously pleased with each other."

Shevell hasn't given up her work or her unpaid seat on the MTA, the agency that oversees subways and buses for over 8 million New York City riders, regional rails to the suburbs, and bridges and tunnels. Pataki appointed her in 2001 to a term that expires in 2011. She's one of 16 full board members—seven others either are nonvoting members or combine for one vote. She sits on five committees and chairs one overseeing the agency's \$10 billion in capital construction

projects. Most meet every month or so.

On Sept. 24, 2008, she missed a 7-6 MTA vote to have city emergency vehicles pay tolls on bridges and tunnels. She was photographed in Israel with McCartney on that day. On March 23, when the Finance Committee approved raising a one-way subway ride to \$2.50 and major service cuts, Shevell was at the London premiere of "The Boat That Rocked."

She attended the full MTA meeting March 25, delivering a report on capital construction contracts and explaining her vote for the fare hike as a last resort after state lawmakers failed to come up with enough aid for the cash-strapped agency.

"We do have the responsibility to maintain a safe, high-quality transportation system. Regrettably, without the deserved government funding, we are left no choice. ... And we do plead with those in Albany to do the right thing," she said.

The MTA defended Shevell's board service in a statement this week.

"MTA board members are volunteers who serve without compensation and spend countless hours each month attending meetings and analyzing background materials," the statement said. "Nancy Shevell has been an active board member since her appointment in 2001."



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In this March 23, 2009 file photo, former Beatle Paul McCartney and companion Nancy Shevell arrive for the World Premiere of "The Boat That Rocked" in London's Leicester Square.



# For Redgrave, the show, and life, must go on

By **PETER MARKS**  
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**N**EW YORK—On the day his mother died, the celebrated actor Sir Michael Redgrave had a matinee and an evening performance to give as Hamlet. Backstage at the theater, he sobbed and sobbed and sobbed. Then he went out front. “And he did two of the greatest Hamlets he ever played.”

Lynn Redgrave relates this tale about her father as a way of explaining the family’s indomitable work ethic. Theater to the Redgraves is what politics is to the Kennedys: family business, family birthright, family shelter. The stage entered the bloodstream of the Redgraves circa 1824 with the birth of Lynn’s great-great-grandfather Cornelius Redgrave, who would become a pub owner and theater ticket agent. Like a hereditary virus, it has tenaciously spread through every generation since.

Grasping this genetic predisposition is helpful in understanding why, at this awful moment in Redgrave history, the award-winning actress nevertheless plans to open “Rachel and Juliet,” her one-woman

memory play about her actress mother, on Friday in Washington. With the ache still throbbing from the death of her niece Natasha Richardson, no one would have uttered as much as a mild groan if she had canceled the weekend of performances to nurse her grief in private.

That, however, is not the Redgrave way. “Natasha would have been appalled if I didn’t do this,” Redgrave, 66, says by phone from her home in Connecticut. “If I could talk to Natasha, she would say, ‘What’s the matter with you?’”

“I can’t speak for others in other professions,” she adds, “but very often work is an enormous solace, just keeping to the routine, showing up at work. For those of us in the theater, it’s like almost a no-brainer. Because what we do has so much to do with conjuring spirits.”

Redgrave and I first met in Manhattan to speak about “Rachel and Juliet”—named for her mother, Rachel Kempson, and the Shakespeare role that would beguile her all her long life—on a Saturday in mid-March. Two days after the interview, Richardson, the actress daughter of her older sister, Vanessa, would hit her head on a ski slope in Canada. And the family would be convulsed by the multilayered dislocations that come with a sudden, premature death, the clicks of a thousand cameras and the flicker of a trillion page-



Lynn Redgrave is opening her one-woman play “Rachel and Juliet” next week in Washington, despite the recent death of her niece, actress Natasha Richardson. “Very often work is an enormous solace,” says Redgrave, photographed in New York.

views around the world.

Three days after Richardson was buried in a private ceremony in Upstate New York, next to her grandmother Rachel, we talked again. And while Redgrave was not ready to disclose much of what was in her heart, she was willing to discuss how the sad event might affect what she brought to the stage.

Because she fully intended to keep her appointment with the stage.

“Rachel and Juliet” is the latest in what has turned into a

cycle of solo shows about her acting family. The first, “Shakespeare for My Father,” was a poignant and painful account of her relationship with her indifferent father, Sir Michael, who had so little time for her as a child that her birth did not even warrant a notation in his diary. In December 1991, that play got its start in Washington and eventually went to Broadway, where amid mixed-to-positive reviews it ran for nine months and 266 performances. She later also wrote a show about her fa-

ther’s mother, “Nightingale.”

“Shakespeare for My Father” was a reaching-out to a parent by a daughter who was never sure whether she meant as much to him as the theater did. Although she’d had a successful film and stage career, earning an Oscar nomination for her first title role, in “Georgy Girl,” part of her always wondered what precinct of his consciousness she occupied.

So the production turned out to be both psychotherapy and occupational therapy. Developed in response to an out-of-the-blue inquiry from Janet Griffin at Washington’s Folger Theater, about whether she’d be interested in coming to Washington and offering theatrical reminiscences, the event was originally called simply “An Evening With Lynn Redgrave.”

“Her career wasn’t very active at the time,” recalls Griffin, director of Folger’s public programs. “She was finding herself in a bit of a lull and she thought, ‘Why the heck not?’”

Unbeknown to Griffin, Redgrave was home in Los Angeles, where she lived with her then-husband, John Clark, creating out of even his earshot a much more ambitious piece.

“I began improvising in my living room,” Redgrave remembers. “I just got up every day and started. I was totally haunted by it—it was almost an obsession. The need to hunt for a resolution to my relationship with my father. Did he even know I was there?”

Her rummaging publicly in the family attic was not welcome for her kin. Owing in major part to her father’s bisexuality, home had not exactly been filled with ebullient memories. “They had a long marriage, but they had a difficult marriage,” Redgrave says. “The difficulty took over and did shut her out.”

There had been no void between Redgrave and her

mother, who died in 2003 at 92. “I was very, very close to my mother,” Redgrave says. “I was the beloved third baby.” (Her elder brother, Corin, works as an actor chiefly in Britain.) From Redgrave’s description, the play sounds as if it is a tribute to a gifted actress who did not achieve as much as she might have.

Kempson made a famous debut in the 1930s in “Romeo and Juliet” in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, and worked as an actress all her life.

Redgrave describes her mother as a funny and perceptive woman, afflicted with self-doubt. “She suffered from her lack of security, making room for my father’s career,” she says. “Rachel and Juliet,” then, is “a love letter” to Kempson, who retained an attachment to Juliet into her golden years: At 90, she recited a speech of Juliet’s at the wedding of one of Redgrave’s three children.

When Kempson died in May 2003, Redgrave was working off-Broadway in a production of Alan Bennett’s “Talking Heads.” She took off the matinee. But she was back in the show the next day.

“Somebody from the audience was at the stage door afterwards and said, ‘I’m so glad to see you; I heard about your mother, I was afraid you wouldn’t be on today.’ I did go back to it. I didn’t think, ‘What are they going to think about this, out there?’ Certainly, while waiting to go on, as I often do, I conjure the ghosts of both the living and the dead. There’s so much of this to do with the magic of theater and the sharing of an experience with the audience.”

She was happy to have been back on the stage, in the play, on that day. “Such a wonderfully laugh-packed piece of writing,” she says on the phone, with warmth in her voice. “Somehow, I guess that’s why we’re actors.”

## Winfrey defends record of her South African school

**JOHANNESBURG** (AP)—Oprah Winfrey acknowledged in a newspaper interview published Saturday that she has made several mistakes at her elite South African school, but said she remains proud of its success.

The recent expulsion of four girls and suspension of three others was the second scandal to hit the Leadership Academy for Girls, which opened in 2007 to groom bright children from deprived backgrounds for a brilliant career. A dorm matron is currently on trial accused of abuse and sexual assault.

“I have made several mistakes and one of them was being overprotective of the girls, which has led to an impression that the school is isolating them from society,” Winfrey was quoted as saying in the Weekend Argus.

She said she had also underestimated the extent of homesickness among girls at the boarding school.

Last month, four students were expelled and three others suspended. South African media at the time said they were accused of trying to force students into relationships and to



In this Monday, April 6, 2009 file photo, talk show host Oprah Winfrey arrives at the Art Institute of Chicago for a dinner in honor of the International Olympic Committee’s Evaluation Committee in Chicago.

engage in sexual contact.

Winfrey herself hasn’t given details of the misconduct. But she said in the newspaper interview that it was “insulting” that the family of one of the expelled girls had complained to the press even though she had been warned before about her behavior.

“Those girls in their own testimony during the (disciplinary)

hearing said they knew they were breaking the rules and that they deliberately broke the rules,” the talk show queen was quoted as saying.

The institution just outside Johannesburg opened with a blaze of publicity in January 2007 with about 150 girls in 7th and 8th grades. The Academy is expected to grow by one

grade each year until it reaches full capacity in 2011, with approximately 450 girls in grades 7 through 12.

Winfrey poured \$40 million into the 28-building campus, which is spread across 22 lush acres. It has computer and science labs, a library, theater and wellness center, all protected by strict privacy. Each girl lives in a two-bedroom suite—a far cry from their humble surroundings at home.



It’s the fulfillment of a promise Winfrey made to former South African President Nelson Mandela and aims to give poor girls a quality education and prepare them for leadership positions in a country where state schools are struggling to overcome the legacy of white-minority rule.

“The majority of girls are thriving, really fulfilling the dream and vision I had,” Winfrey told the newspaper. “They really have exceeded any expectations I had for them.”

“In spite of everything that’s happened, what keeps me inspired and hopeful is the heart of every girl, because they are wonderful, they are magnificent.”

*Joint Death Anniversary*

We the family of our late beloved

**Abraham P. Manibusan & Luis P. Manibusan**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary      7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Humbly invites our family, relatives, and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the 1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary for Abraham P. Manibusan and 7<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary for Luis P. Manibusan’s passage to eternal life.

On April 6, 2009, daily mass is being held at 6:00pm at San Vicente Church, followed by the Holy Rosary at 7:00pm at the residence of Bernadita Manibusan at San Vicente.

On the Final Day April 14, 2009, Holy Rosary will be held at 12:00pm followed by mass intention at 6:00pm at San Vicente Church.

Your prayers, thoughts, and presence will forever be remembered.

**Bernadita A. Manibusan,  
Joseph & Steph Manibusan (Ha’ane’)**



## Report: Farrah Fawcett released from LA hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Farrah Fawcett has been released from a Los Angeles hospital after being treated for internal bleeding not directly related to her cancer, People.com reported.

The 62-year-old actress, who starred in the “Charlie’s Angels” TV series, was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006.

She recently had a “minor procedure” in Germany that “led to a small amount of bleeding into a muscle in her abdominal wall,” which created a hematoma, a sac of blood that caused pressure and pain, her Los Angeles cancer specialist, Dr. Lawrence Piro, said earlier this week.

Piro told People that Fawcett, who was discharged Thursday, was in good spirits and looking forward to celebrating Easter at home.

A phone message was left for Piro on Friday at his clinic.



AP  
Farrah Fawcett arrives for the MTV Video Music Awards in Miami in this Aug. 29, 2004, file photo.

## ‘Housewives’ countess ‘blindsided’ by her breakup

NEW YORK (AP)—Countess LuAnn de Lesseps, one of the sassy ladies of Bravo’s “The Real Housewives of New York,” said she was “blindsided” when her husband of 16 years ended their marriage.

Last week, she confirmed her separation from Count Alexandre de Lesseps, who appeared intermittently on “Real Housewives.”

“I try to stand up tall and walk out the door every day and take it day by day,” the countess, who is keeping her title, said Thursday. “Because, after 16 years of being married, it’s like something has died. And I’m going through a grieving process.”

But at the same time, she said, “I’m trying to be positive and look at this as a turning point for me.”

The former model, 43, confirmed a report that the breakup came after she received an e-mail message from the count, who spends much time overseas. She says, “I just think some people

aren’t good at confrontation.”

The count, a Frenchman whose ancestor presented the Statue of Liberty to the United States, reportedly was having a relationship with another woman.

“I don’t really want to know right now,” de Lesseps said. “I just want to maintain our friendship so that I can get what I need to move forward and do it in the best way for the children.”

The countess and the count have a 14-year-old daughter, Victoria, and a 12-year-old son, Noel. They share homes on Long Island and in Manhattan.

Distance caused the couple to grow apart, she said.

“It’s very difficult to live separate,” she said. “He travels an awful lot and I was alone a lot. ... So I would say that that was one of the big factors for us.”

Her book, “Class With the Countess,” arrives April 16. It contains advice on etiquette, social grace and background on her

past, especially her life in Italy.

In a chapter on how to woo the opposite sex, she discusses her whirlwind romance with the thrice-divorced count after connecting at a dinner party in Gstaad, Switzerland. She said it was love at first sight.

“When I wrote the book, I wrote it from a different place,” she said. “I was secure in my marriage and I had no idea this was going to happen to me. So it’s been a really difficult time for me—and the information is there and it’s what I live by.”

In the book, De Lesseps gives advice for handling a breakup, saying she’s “a big believer that a better man is just around the corner.”

Doe she still believe that?

“You won’t find better than my husband,” she said. “He is a great man. I know he has his faults, as we all do. ... Another love, hopefully, (is) waiting for me around the corner.”

## Tom Rush releases first studio album in 35 years

VIENNA, Va. (AP)—Tom Rush acknowledges he’s the biggest slacker in folk music.

“I think I’ve probably secured that title,” Rush said, after it took him 35 years to release his latest album, “What I Know.”

Rush blamed a combination of “sloth,” “inertia” and trouble landing a record deal for the long delay.

Rush was touring most of those years, except for the time he tried farming.

“I quit showbiz for nine months,” he said in a recent interview. “I had a farm up in New Hampshire and this Russian-made diesel tractor, and drove the tractor around the field for about nine months and basically made a mess and started to realize I wasn’t a farmer.”

Rush, 68, lives in New Hampshire with wife Renee Askins and their 9-year-old daughter, Siena. “I got her a guitar,” he said of his daughter, “but she hasn’t shown any interest in learning how to play it. She likes to wear it. She’s forming a band. She’s got three girls who are guitar players, but none of them can play. There’s a drummer who doesn’t know how to play drums and a keyboard player who doesn’t know how to play keyboards. And they’re arguing over who’ll be the lead singer.”

While Rush co-wrote seven of the 15 tracks on the album, he’s primarily known for being an interpreter of other artists’ music. He was the first to record songs by Joni Mitch-

ell, James Taylor and Jackson Browne. Taylor has even credited Rush with his career. But Rush doesn’t buy that.

“I don’t know what he was drinking, but I should send him another bottle. I think Joni, Jackson and James in particular would’ve gotten where they were going with or without me,” he said.

Rush has never become as famous as those whose songs he sings. He says that’s fine by him.

“Some of my friends can’t go to the supermarket because they get bothered by people,” he said. “I think I have a very comfortable level of notoriety. I make a good living doing something I love to do and I think I’m a very lucky guy.”

## Co-creator of Dungeons & Dragons dies at 61

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Dave Arneson, one of the co-creators of the Dungeons & Dragons fantasy game and a pioneer of role-playing entertainment, died after a two-year battle with cancer, his family said Thursday. He was 61.

Arneson’s daughter, Malia Weinhausen of Maplewood, said her father died peacefully Tuesday in hospice care in St. Paul.

Arneson and Gary Gygax developed Dungeons & Dragons in 1974 using medieval characters and mythical creatures. The game known for its oddly shaped dice became a hit, particularly among teenage boys. It eventually was turned into video games, books and movies. Gygax died in March 2008.

“The biggest thing about my dad’s world is he wanted people to have fun in life,” Weinhausen said. “I think we get distracted by the everyday things you have to do in life and we forget to enjoy life and have fun.”

“But my dad never did,” she said. “He just wanted people to have fun.”

Dungeons & Dragons players create fictional characters and carry out their adventures with the help of complicated rules. The quintessential geek pastime, it spawned copycat games and later inspired a whole genre of computer games that’s still growing in popularity.

“(Arneson) developed many of the fundamental ideas of role-playing: that each player controls just one hero, that heroes gain power through adventures, and that personality is as important as combat prowess,” according to a statement from Wizards of the Coast, a subsidiary of Hasbro, Inc. that produces Dungeons & Dragons.

Blackmoor, a game Arneson was developing before D&D, was the “first-ever role-playing campaign and the prototype for all (role-playing game) campaigns since,” the company said.

Arneson and Gygax were dedicated tabletop wargamers who recreated historical battles with painted miniature armies and fleets. They met in 1969 at a convention, and their first collaboration, along with Mike Carr, was a set of rules for sailing-ship battles called “Don’t Give Up the Ship!”



AP  
This undated photo provided by Malia Weinhausen shows Dave Arneson. Arneson, a co-creator of Dungeons & Dragons, died Tuesday, April 7, 2009 in St. Paul, Minn. He was 61.

In later years, Dave published other role-playing games and started his own game-publishing company and computer game company. He also taught classes in game design. He was inducted into the Academy of Adventure Gaming Arts and Design Hall of Fame in 1984.

Weinhausen said her father enjoyed teaching game design at Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla., in recent years, where he taught students to make a solid set of rules for their games.

“He said if you have a good foundation and a good set of rules, people would play the game again,” Weinhausen said.

Arneson is survived by Weinhausen and two grandchildren. A public memorial service was planned April 20, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Bradshaw Funeral Home in St. Paul.

## Reba’s ‘Strange’ new single a girl-power anthem

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Reba McEntire pulls no punches about the women of country music: she says they put on a better show.

In a genre that—until very recently—has been dominated by men, those sound like fighting words. “No, they’re truthful,” corrected the singer.

“I’ve watched many, many decades of entertainers,” she continued. “And I will go watch females and be totally entertained. And when I watch the males, I love their singing, and their lights. But when the girls come on, you better know that they’ve come up with something new and innovative, and they’re going to give you a show.”

It’s been some month for women in country, with Martina McBride scoring last week’s No. 1 country album (“Shine”), as well as Carrie Underwood (entertainer of the year) and Taylor Swift (album of the year) taking home the ACM’s top trophies. McEntire marked her 11th time hosting the telecast, and used the platform to debut her new single, “Strange,” released Monday.

It may be McEntire’s hardest-rocking, least romantic record to date.

“It’s a little bit different,” McEntire explained following a rehearsal for last Sunday’s



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In this April 2, 2009 file photo Reba McEntire performs during a rehearsal for the Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

Academy of Country Music Awards. “It’s tongue-in-cheek. It’s a little bit about, you know, ‘I’m supposed to be in love with this guy and really heartbroken, but I’m not.’ So, it’s a tough-woman song.”

At 54, McEntire’s still got plenty of girl power—for which she credits some of the new female singers that she influenced, including Underwood and Kelly Clarkson, with whom she recently toured.

“I mean, I had to step up,” McEntire recalled. “I didn’t

get to stand in just certain areas of the stage. I was rockin’ right along with her. I was singing her songs, she was singing my songs. We never left the stage during the whole time. And it was a lot of fun. So, when I started looking for new material, that’s what I was gravitating to: the more kick-butt type, more youthful-type, attitude songs.”

If you doubt McEntire’s continuing cool factor, consider that Will Ferrell’s “Funny or Die” Web site became “Reba or Die” on April Fool’s Day—loaded with pictures and videos from McEntire’s 35-year career.

“When I saw Roy Clark and myself on ‘Hee Haw,’ I died laughing,” McEntire said. “Oh my gosh, (my hair) was jacked up to Jesus! It was big hair, big hair from Oklahoma, Tennessee—yeah, I had it.”

McEntire is on the road this spring and a new album, including “Strange,” is due in late summer.

“Where I am in my life and career is very happy. I’m very busy—not only with the music, but I have a clothing line, a luggage line, shoe line, bedding, bath, and we’re going into gift ware, like silver platters and candy dishes. So, that’s the way we like it. It keeps us out of trouble. That’s what mama always said.”



# Woody Harrelson likens paparazzo to zombie

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Woody Harrelson is likening a paparazzo he tussled with at a New York airport to one of the undead zombies he battles in his upcoming film.

In a statement released Friday, Harrelson jokingly compares the scrutiny of the paparazzi to the packs of undead he confronted in "Zombieland."

"I wrapped a movie called 'Zombieland,' in which I was

constantly under assault by zombies, then flew to New York, still very much in character," Harrelson said. "With my daughter at the airport I was startled by a paparazzo who I quite understandably mistook for a zombie."

Celebrity gossip site TMZ posted a video on Thursday of Harrelson chasing one of their photographers who followed the actor and his 12-year-old

daughter through LaGuardia Airport. TMZ said Harrelson broke the photographer's main camera, and the paparazzo is heard repeatedly accusing Harrelson of assault—while he continued to follow the actor.

Another video shows the photographer asking Harrelson whether he is wearing hemp pants, and at another point mocking the actor for his role in "White Men Can't Jump."

Police took a report from the cameraman, who claimed Harrelson pushed a camera into his face. The man declined medical treatment, according to Port Authority spokesman Ron Marsico. Harrelson was not at the scene by the time police arrived, he said.

Harrelson, 47, has had run-ins with TMZ before. In 2006, TMZ photographer Josh Levine accused the Academy Award-nominated actor of choking him and breaking his camera in Los Angeles. Levine sued Harrelson in Los Angeles Superior Court. Harrelson is seeking to have the



**AP**  
In this April 27, 2007 file photo, actor Woody Harrelson arrives to the world premiere of his film titled "The Grand", at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

case dismissed

Harrelson was nominated for best actor for his role in "The People vs. Larry Flynt," and recent screen credits include "No Country for Old Men" and "Seven Pounds."

## Judge orders Redmond O'Neal held without bail

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A judge on Friday ordered the son of Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal to be held without bail while he awaits sentencing on a probation violation.

Redmond O'Neal appeared in court Friday and he had violated the terms of his probation for a previous drug conviction, court records show. A judge revoked the 24-year-old's bail and ordered a sentencing hearing for next week.

He faces up to three years in state prison for the violation, and still has a pair of pending drug cases.

O'Neal has been jailed since Sunday, when he was arrested at a jail north of Los Angeles on suspicion of carrying heroin. O'Neal had been sentenced to a drug diversion program after

pleading guilty to methamphetamine and heroin possession charges in June.

Less than three months later, O'Neal was arrested along with his father on suspicion of having methamphetamine at the actor's Malibu home. A call to O'Neal's attorney was not returned Friday.

Ryan O'Neal pleaded guilty to a drug possession charge in January and remains in a drug diversion program.

Redmond is his son from a relationship with Fawcett, who has reportedly been released from a Los Angeles hospital after suffering complications from a surgical procedure she had in Germany. She was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006, but People.com reported the recent procedure was unrelated to her cancer fight.



O'Neal

## NASA to announce module name on 'Colbert Report'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Stephen Colbert is still clinging to hope that NASA will name a new room at the international space station after him.

The space agency said Friday it would announce the name of the module Tuesday on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report." Astronaut Sunita Williams will appear on the program.

The agency held an online contest, letting the public vote on a name for a future addition to the station. "Colbert" beat out NASA's four suggested options: Serenity, Legacy, Earthrise and Venture.

The comedian said in a statement: "I certainly hope NASA does the right thing. Just kidding. I hope they name it after me."



Colbert

## Siblings strive to stay out of parents' marital combat

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** My parents have been married for 60 years. My father has always been physically, verbally and mentally abusive to my mother. My mother is also verbally and mentally abusive to my father.

Because of the violence, Dad is now on probation for two years. They will not divorce or live separately, but continue with their sick relationship. I know we can't help them, but what can we do to save ourselves from being drawn into it? They are both masters at drawing us into it.

DEVASTATED ADULT CHILDREN  
OF CRAZY PARENTS

*Dear Abby*

**DEAR CHILDREN:** As loving, caring children you cannot, at least on some level, avoid being drawn in to some extent. However, it may be less wrenching for you if you consider that both your parents have been getting something out of this sick relationship or it would have ended years ago.

Some people mistake pain and violence for love and passion, and your folks may fall into this category. But if their dysfunctional relationship is preventing you from enjoying your own lives, then what you should do is talk about it with a psychotherapist, because at this late date, your father and mother aren't going to change.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am 22, and a year and a half ago I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. I must inject myself with insulin four times a day. If I am going to be away from home for more than a few hours, I must bring my insulin and other supplies with me.

When I'm in public—like in a restaurant—I feel as though going off alone to inject myself is denying a part of who I am, so I choose to remain visible when I inject. What is your take on this? I have never seen anyone else do it in plain view, but I would like to because diabetes is nothing to be ashamed of. People often ask questions when I do it, and I'm happy to answer them and to spread awareness.

Do you agree that accepting a disease like this is more easily achieved when one is not isolating oneself?

UNASHAMED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

**DEAR UNASHAMED:** Yes, I do—and I have seen someone with diabetes inject himself while seated at a dinner table. My initial reaction was one of concern, and I am sure that is how others would react as well. Having a disease like diabetes is nothing to be ashamed of, and whether you choose to inject your insulin in public is a personal choice, depending upon how comfortable a person feels about it.

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**DEAR ABBY:** What is the proper way to eat bacon in a restaurant? My son says that bacon is finger food and can be picked up with your fingers.

I like to cut the bacon strips into bite-sized pieces that can fit on a fork to be eaten without getting my fingers greasy.

MOTHER KNOWS BEST

**DEAR MOTHER:** It depends upon how you like your bacon cooked. According to Emily Post, bacon can be eaten as a finger food "when it is dry, crisp and served whole. If the bacon is broken into bits, served in thick slices (as with Canadian bacon) or limp, eat it with knife and fork as you would any other meat."

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## Billy Bob Thornton's band cancels Canadian tour

**AP**  
In this photo taken Wednesday, March 18, 2009, Billy Bob Thornton and the Boxmasters perform at the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas.



**TORONTO (AP)**—Billy Bob Thornton's band has canceled the rest of its Canadian tour after the actor compared the country's fans to mashed potatoes with no gravy in a testy interview that caused a sensation online. The Boxmasters opened for Willie Nelson on Thursday in Toronto, where they reportedly were booed and met with catcalls of "Here comes the gravy."

A note posted on Nelson's Web site Friday said the Boxmasters were canceling the rest of their Canadian dates "due to one band member and several of the crew having the flu."

The cancellation came two days after Thornton made world headlines with a beligerent appearance on CBC radio's "Q."

The actor apparently didn't like that host Jian Ghomeshi started the interview with references to Thornton's Hollywood career.

Thornton refused to answer

many of Ghomeshi's questions directly, mumbling: "I don't know what you're talking about." He later said Ghomeshi's producers had been told ahead of time not to talk about his film career.

Thornton also had some unkind words for Canadian crowds.

"Canadian audiences seem to be very reserved," he told Ghomeshi. "We tend to play places where people throw things at each other. Here, they just sort of sit there. And it doesn't matter what you say to 'em. ... It's mashed potatoes but no gravy."

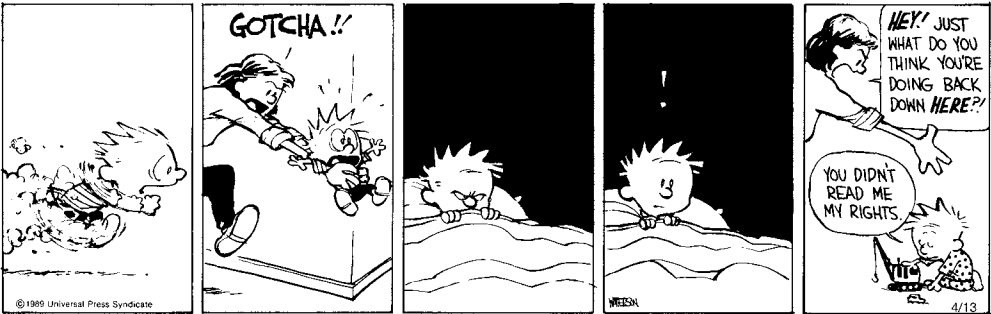
Before his Thursday night gig, Thornton tried to clarify those remarks, saying he loved Canada and his "mashed potatoes" comment had been aimed at Ghomeshi.

Media around the world delighted in the story. Entertainment Weekly's Web site ran the headline, "Billy Bob Thornton: What's his problem?"

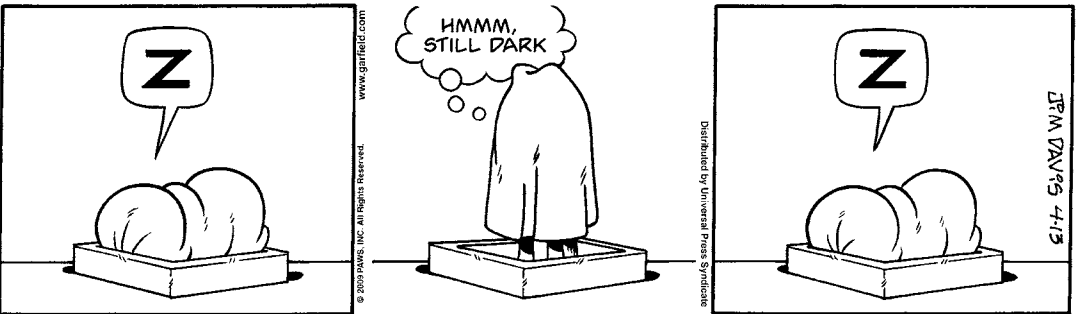


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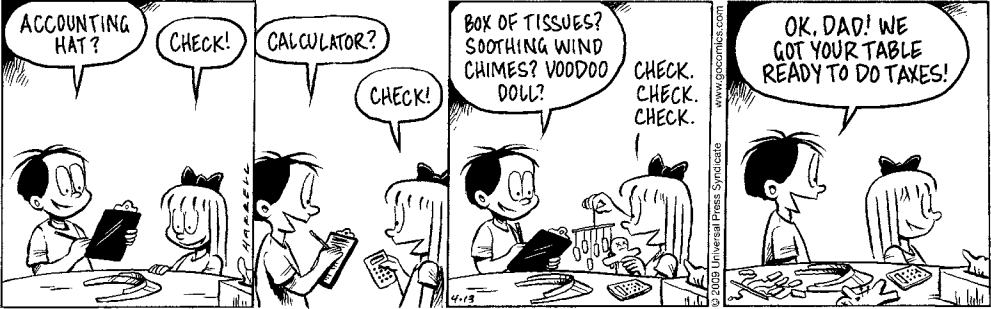
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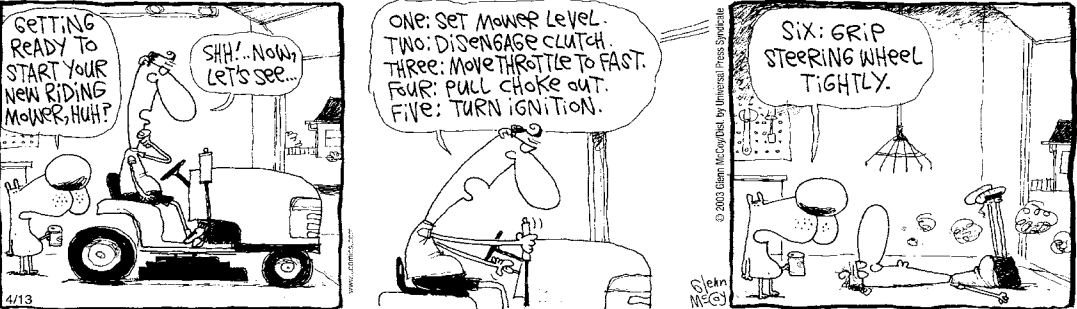
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20 Burnett or Channing

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29 Star

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34 Kathie Lee's "Today" co-host

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36 Church council

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11 Chows down

13 List- ending

19 Gentle as a —

20 Half pint

21 From the beginning

22 Latvia's capital

23 Sandwich shops

25 Fruit tree pest

26 PC picture

27 Extinct bird

29 Skelton's Kadiddle-hopper

31 Cushion

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34 Cross

36 Couch

37 Crazy

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39 Big bash

40 Secure

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44 Exist

45 Under the weather

46 Coloring agent

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

**Saturday's answer 4-13**

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Kyle Howard, 31; Rick Schroder, 40; Garry Kasparov, 47; Sandra Santiago, 53

**Happy Birthday:** Look at the big picture. Dismiss anyone trying to play games with you. You are smart and, although patience doesn't come easy for you, it will be necessary this year. Be a little mysterious. Keeping everyone guessing instead of blurting out what you are going to do will lead to victory. Your numbers are 5, 7, 18, 20, 24, 29, 38

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** If you are forceful in your approach to contracts, legal, financial or health matters, you will make a profound statement. The way to get ahead is not by being a bystander. Fight for your rights. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You have to take a strong position. Your reputation may be at stake if you decide to let someone get away with unethical behavior. Emotional situations must be addressed swiftly. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You'll be pulled in too many directions and it will be necessary to say no to anyone putting demands on you. Put your efforts where you can make a difference or you will end up spinning your wheels. Love will be captivating. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You've got the right configuration going through your sign to be a winner professionally and personally, if you are willing to step out of your shell and play the game of life. Be confident and you will gain respect, clout, advancement and self-esteem. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You should have everyone eating out of your hand today. Before you put demands on people, make sure you are being fair. An act of injustice will come right back at you. If you aren't sure about something or someone, back off until you have all your facts. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You can put up a good argument but getting someone to listen may not be easy. Expect change to come at you with lightning speed. Adapt quickly in order to minimize the damage control required. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Let your imagination wander. If you can think it, you can do it, so stop procrastinating. Avoid pushy people or situations. Concentrate on the people who make a difference in your life. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Speak your mind but be very sure you have your facts straight. Someone will challenge you every step of the way. Love is looking very good, giving you the go-ahead to bring on your mysterious Scorpio charm. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may have to do some backtracking if you have done or said something wrong. Your ability to tell a story or exaggerate a situation may initially fly but, in time, the record will be set straight. Rethink your strategy. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can make headway with contracts or investments or alterations you want to make to your home and family. Change is good

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and, if you do things swiftly, you will bypass repercussions. Buying and selling is looking prosperous. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look on the bright side. You will get wind of a job or project that interests you. Taking on a new game plan, idea or outlook will ensure that you find your way into the industry, the circle of friends or the organization you want to be part of. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't give up on something you want to do just because you hit a roadblock. Back up and regroup and you will come up with a new strategy. Chances are good that you should simplify what you want to do. Don't let your emotions lead the way. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are original, creative and unique. You are a trendsetter, a reformist and spokesperson against injustice.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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8	3	9	4	1	7	5	6	2
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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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# Cabrera, Perry lead as drama builds at Masters



**AUGUSTA, Ga.** (AP)—Kenny Perry took one last look at the leaderboard behind the 18th green at Augusta National. This was no time to relish his position at the top with Angel Cabrera, rather to consider what lies ahead. “You will definitely see something on the back nine,” Perry said Saturday. “That’s where it’s all going to happen.” Now this is the Masters everyone wanted to see.

Perry and Cabrera were tied at 11-under 205, the lowest 54-hole score at Augusta in seven years. Even the 16 players within seven shots of the lead still feel like they’re in the game because of those familiar back-nine fireworks in the forecast.

And best of all, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson will go head-to-head in the final round. Even though seven players and seven shots separated them from the leaders, both know to expect anything.

“A lot of things happen on Sunday at Augusta,” Mickelson said. “And I would never put it past happening again.”

Cabrera and Perry are no strangers to pressure on a big stage, but this is different.

Sunday at Augusta National is a test unlike any other they have faced.

Cabrera, who won the U.S. Open two years ago at Oakmont, made three birdies on the back nine and scratched out an important par on the final hole for a 3-under 69.

Perry, who thrived under the spotlight of a Ryder Cup in his native Kentucky last September, overcame two mistakes with his putter around Amen Corner and finished with five straight pars for a 70 to join the Argentine in the lead.

It will be the first time they’ve played in the final group at a major.

“I’m lucky enough to be in



Kenny Perry holds up his ball to the gallery on the 18th hole after finishing his third round of the Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Saturday, April 11, 2009. AP

a very good position,” Cabrera said. “I haven’t been in this position before so I’ll try to make the most of it.”

Perry is still stung by his play-off loss at the PGA Championship at Valhalla in 1996, when he was criticized for being in the broadcast booth instead of keeping loose on the practice range. He never would have imagined that all these years later, he would have a chance to become golf’s oldest major champion at 48.

“The first two days felt like

I was on vacation,” Perry said. “Today felt like a job.”

They had a two-shot lead over Chad Campbell, who led briefly on the back nine until a blunder on the 16th hole when he took two shots to get out of the bunker, made double bogey and wound up with a 72.

Jim Furyk, another former U.S. Open champion, shot 68 and was three shots behind at 8-under 208.

“If I woke up tomorrow and I wasn’t anxious, and I wasn’t

nervous, and I wasn’t excited, I would be one beat away from dead,” Furyk said.

Woods began his Saturday charge by hooking his tee shot into the trees and making double bogey. His tee shot on the par-3 sixth hit the base of the pin and tumbled off the green. He rallied with three birdies over the last six holes for a 70.

Mickelson’s rally was slowed by three poor chips, and he escaped with a 71 only after hitting a big slice from the trees on

the 18th hole that started down the 10th fairway and wound up on the green.

They were at 4-under 212 in a tie for 10th.

Was that too far back?

Mickelson recalled Jack Nicklaus being in a tie for ninth in 1986 when he shot 30 on the back nine and won without a playoff, getting help from inexperienced players who couldn’t cope with the roars and the nerves.

“I think that at this golf course, funny things can happen, and if you get momentum on your side and you’re making some birdies, you can make a lot of them.”

And then he offered another scenario that he and Woods desperately need.

“When it starts coming apart, it’s hard to get it back,” Mickelson said. “And it’s easy to tumble.”

There was little sign of that happening with Perry and Cabrera on a breezy afternoon, on a course where the greens remained relatively soft from an overnight downpour.

Perry became the first player to reach 12-under par at any point in the tournament since 2002 when he rolled in an 8-foot birdie on the 10th hole, and it allowed him to wonder if this might really be his week.

But he three-putted from just off the front of the 11th green of his first bogey, then fell out of the lead on the par-3 12th. After hitting over the green, Perry tried putting up the slope and hit it too hard, the ball bouncing over the cup 15 feet away for another bogey.

He recovered with a 4-iron to about 25 feet for a two-putt birdie on the 13th.

Cabrera escaped with par from a tough spot in the bunker on the ninth hole, birdied the next hole to get into contention, then used his power to make birdies on the 15th and 17th holes.

Campbell made seven straight pars down the stretch until a

wild finish - the double bogey on the 16th hole with a 7-iron into the back bunker, a 12-foot birdie on the 17th, then a wild drive into the trees on the 18th that led to bogey.

“I’ve still got a good opportunity to win this golf tournament,” he said.

Woods left the course knowing that even having a remote chance would depend on how the leaders played the back nine. They helped slightly but not running away, with Campbell shooting a 38 on the back and Perry getting around in 36.

The world’s No. 1 player has never won a major when trailing after 54 holes, and only once has he won when trailing by more than seven shots going into the final round of any tournament.

“That was a hell of a fight,” Woods said. “I’m pretty proud of the fact I got myself back in the tournament, considering that I didn’t hit it as well as I wanted to and had two three-putts.”

The forecast was for sunshine and theatrics, perhaps a back-nine charge not seen this decade at Augusta National.

Steve Stricker played bogey-free for a 68 that put him four shots behind at 7-under 209, with former British Open champion Todd Hamilton (72), Shingo Katayama (70) and Rory Sabbatini (70) another shot behind.

One player too far out of contention is Padraig Harrington, who saw his hopes of a third straight major end on the second hole when he twice hit a tree and took a quadruple-bogey 9. He shot a 73 and was 10 shots back.

Only once in the last 18 years at the Masters has the winner not come out of the final group, which bodes well for Perry and Cabrera.

Even so, Perry knows that Sunday will be the toughest day of all - even if the course is set up for birdies and eagles.

“This might be the last time I have this kind of opportunity,” he said. “I’m looking forward to it.”

## Bills’ Whitner zapped, arrested in Cleveland melee



**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (AP)—Buffalo Bills defensive back Donte Whitner was shocked with a stun gun and arrested by officers trying to control a rowdy crowd outside a Cleveland nightclub early Saturday, police said.

Whitner was jailed for aggravated disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, Lt. Thomas Stacho said. The former Ohio State star was released later Saturday and hadn’t been charged, police said. A prosecutor was to decide whether to file charges.

Police shocked and handcuffed Whitner, 23, outside the House of Blues after he forced his way past them and then broke free from officers trying to restrain him, Stacho said.

Officers heard reports that Miami Dolphins wide receiver Ted Ginn

Jr. was having a birthday party at the downtown venue but couldn’t confirm whether Whitner was attending, Stacho said. Whitner and Ginn were high school teammates and played for the Buckeyes.

It was unclear why Whitner tried to leave the club and head for the melee, though he told officers, “My cousin’s out there, and they’ve got guns,” according to a police report, Stacho said.

Whitner said he regrets the incident.

“It’s not how I wish to conduct myself, and I apologize to all those involved,” he said in a statement released through his agent, Neil Cornrich.

A Bills spokesman said Saturday the team wouldn’t comment on Whitner until it had more information.

Whitner is at least the third Bills player to run into trouble

with the law this year.

Police in South Carolina say they arrested 25-year-old safety Ko Simpson outside a bar in his hometown, Rock Hill, early New Year’s Day when he interfered with officers trying to arrest his friends. Simpson’s lawyer earlier wouldn’t discuss the case; a prosecutor said Simpson had asked to enter a program that would remove from his record a charge of hindering police.

Running back Marshawn Lynch was arrested near Los Angeles in February when police found a weapon in a parked car. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gun charge and was sentenced to 80 hours of community service and probation. He also was suspended for three games without pay by the NFL for violating the league’s personal-conduct policy.

## QB Michael Vick being held in Atlanta prison

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Michael Vick was back in Atlanta, the city where he rose to NFL stardom, but as a prisoner rather than a player, an official said Friday.

Federal Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Felicia Ponce said the suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback was moved to a medium-security unit in southeast Atlanta from Virginia, where he had been held while attending a bankruptcy hearing last Friday.

Ponce declined to say if authorities plan to move Vick back to a penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., where he has served most of a 23-month sentence for bankrolling a dog-fighting ring.

Vick’s lawyers did not im-

mediately return messages seeking comment.

The 28-year-old is scheduled to transfer to home confinement May 21 in Hampton, Va., and is set to be released from federal custody in July.

The move comes as the fallen NFL star is wrestling in bankruptcy court over what he has called his “exit strategy”—a plan to repay creditors with the millions he hopes to resume earning in professional football.

A federal bankruptcy judge rejected the plan last Friday, saying there was no guarantee that Vick would be able to resume his NFL career. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has said only that he will re-

view Vick’s status after he is released from prison.

Vick’s plan would have allowed him to keep the first \$750,000 of his projected annual salary. Creditors would get part of any amount over that.

Vick was once one of the NFL’s highest-paid players, but lavish spending and poor investments, coupled with the backlash from his dogfighting case, led to his downfall. He filed for bankruptcy in July, claiming assets of \$16 million and debts of more than \$20 million.

Since then, he has lost nearly all the record-breaking \$130 million from a 10-year deal he signed with Atlanta in December 2004.



# Nets end Orlando bid for No. 2 seed



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)**—Vince Carter had 27 points and nine assists, and the New Jersey Nets ended Orlando's bid for the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference by beating the Magic 103-93 on Saturday night.

The Magic (58-22) may have lost more than the No. 2 seed. Star forward Hedo Turkoglu hurt his left ankle with 6:51 left in the game and he had to be helped to the locker room. There was no immediate word on his condition.

Keyon Dooling added 12 points and 10 assists for the Nets, who played without All-Star guard Devin Harris (shoulder). Rookie Brook Lopez added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Nets, who were eliminated from playoff contention earlier this week.

Turkoglu, who was going to get limited minutes in the last two games according to coach Stan Van Gundy, had 16 points before being hurt. Tony Battie and Mickael Pietrus added 14 points apiece, while Dwight Howard had an off night with seven points and eight rebounds as the Magic lost their second straight and third in four games.

## Pacers 106, Pistons 102

At Indianapolis, Danny Granger scored 24 points and Indiana stalled Detroit's bid for a higher playoff seed.

Indiana led by 12 early in the final quarter, but Detroit rallied and took a 102-101 lead on a basket by Richard Hamilton with 56 seconds to go. The Pacers went back in front on a spinning layup by Jarrett Jack and iced the game with one free throw by Troy Murphy with 16 seconds left and two foul shots by Granger with 5 seconds to go.

Hamilton led Detroit with 23 points. Brandon Rush had 21 points for the Pacers, while Jack and T.J. Ford added 18 apiece.

## Bulls 113, Bobcats 106

At Chicago, Ben Gordon scored 39 points, John Salmons finished with 19 after a slow start and Chicago hit the .500 mark for the first time since mid-November with its fourth straight win and 11th in 14 games.

Derrick Rose added 22 as the seventh-place Bulls (40-40) moved a game ahead of the Pistons with two to play heading into Monday's meeting at Detroit. The Bulls also pulled within a half-game of sixth-place Philadelphia with their 14th win in 15 home games.

Raymond Felton (26 points)

and Boris Diaw (24 points) kept the Bobcats in it for 3 1/2 quarters, but the Bulls pulled away behind a late surge by Gordon and Salmons.

## Warriors 118, Jazz 108

At Salt Lake City, C.J. Watson scored a career-high 38 points, Robert Kurz also had a career best, and Golden State used only seven players while beating Utah.

Watson made all 16 foul shots and had nine assists and seven rebounds. Kurz finished with 21 points for Golden State, which led by as much as 17 and never let the playoff-bound Jazz get

Eric Gordon had 18 for the Clippers, who have lost seven of their last eight.

## Suns 110, Timberwolves 97

At Minneapolis, two games after Phoenix was eliminated from playoff contention, Grant Hill scored 19 points in 23 minutes to lead the Suns over Minnesota.

Hill was 7-for-8 from the floor and played as if this game actually mattered, even though the Suns will miss the postseason for the first time in five years.

Jared Dudley scored 16 points and Shaquille O'Neal had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the



AP  
New Jersey Nets' Vince Carter puts up a shot as Orlando Magic forward Tony Battie, left, looks on during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Saturday, April 11, 2009 in East Rutherford, N.J.

closer than five despite being at a disadvantage with only seven healthy players.

Deron Williams had 26 points and 14 assists before leaving in the final minute, holding his ribs. Carlos Boozer added 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, in danger of drawing the Lakers in the first round.

## Trail Blazers 87, Clippers 72

At Los Angeles, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 21 points, Joel Przybilla added 10 points and 14 rebounds, and Portland beat Los Angeles to tie for third place in the Western Conference.

Portland tied Houston for the No. 3 seed with its fourth straight victory. The Trail Blazers also pulled within a game of Northwest Division leader Denver, which is second in the West.

Suns, who gave heavy minutes to youngsters Robin Lopez, Goran Dragic and Louis Amundson.

Sebastian Telfair had 21 points and shot 8-of-12 for Minnesota.

## Bucks 115, Thunder 98

At Milwaukee, Richard Jefferson tied a season high with 35 points and Milwaukee snapped a four-game losing streak by beating Oklahoma City.

Luke Ridnour scored 18 points and Charlie Villanueva added 14 for the Bucks, who have long been eliminated from the postseason race but will finish with a winning record at home (21-19) with one final game at the Bradley Center on Monday against Orlando.

Kevin Durant scored 19 points and rookie Russell Westbrook had 13 for the Thunder.

# Sabathia cruises to easy win over Royals



## KANSAS CITY, Mo.

(AP)—CC Sabathia rebounded smartly from his disappointing Yankees debut, and Jorge Posada and Nick Swisher drove in three runs apiece Saturday night in New York's 6-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Sabathia, signed to a \$161 million, seven-year contract in the offseason, gave up only six singles in 7 2-3 scoreless innings. He struck out six and did not walk a batter.

It was a far cry from opening day in Baltimore when the 6-foot-7 lefty lasted just 4 1-3 innings. He allowed six runs, eight hits and five walks against the Orioles, throwing two wild pitches in a 10-5 loss.

Sabathia (1-1) did not have a strikeout that day for the first time in almost four years, but he fanned Coco Crisp in the first inning Saturday.

Kansas City's Horacio Ramirez (0-1) gave up six runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings.

## Blue Jays 5, Indians 4

At Cleveland, not even Cliff Lee could stop Cleveland's slide.

The reigning Cy Young Award winner lost his second consecutive start and the Indians, expected to contend this season, remained the AL's only winless team, losing to Roy Halladay to fall to 0-5 for the first time in 24 years.

Halladay (2-0) held Cleveland to one run and five hits in seven innings.

## Orioles 6, Rays 0

At Baltimore, Melvin Mora's third career grand slam capped a five-run first inning against Tampa Bay rookie Jeff Niemann, and Baltimore got six shutout innings from Jeremy Guthrie.

Nick Markakis had two hits and an RBI for the Orioles, who have won two straight over the defending AL champions to clinch their first series win against Tampa Bay since Aug. 3-5, 2007.

## Red Sox 5, Angels 4

At Anaheim, Calif., Jason Bay homered twice and drove in three runs for Boston, helping Brad Penny win his American League debut.

Mike Lowell added a two-run shot for the Red Sox, who ended a nine-game regular-season losing streak against Los Angeles. It's been a different story in the postseason, however, with Boston eliminating the Angels in the first round of the playoffs three times since 2004.

## White Sox 8, Twins 0

At Chicago, Bartolo Colon pitched six strong innings and Carlos Quentin homered, leading the White Sox to the victory.

After a rough spring training, Colon (1-0) handled the Twins' lineup with relative ease. He allowed just three hits with two walks and two strikeouts, helping Chicago end a three-game skid.

## Tigers 4, Rangers 3

At Detroit, Placido Polanco hit a tiebreaking double and five Detroit pitchers combined on a two-hitter.

Nate Robertson (1-0) earned the win with two shutout innings, and Fernando Rodney struck out the side in the ninth for his first save. Detroit's bullpen didn't allow a baserunner in four innings of work.

## Mariners 8, Athletics 5

At Oakland, Calif., Kenji Johjima had a two-run single in a four-run eighth inning and Seattle rallied twice to earn the win.

Russell Branyan homered and Franklin Gutierrez and Jose Lopez each drove in two runs for the Mariners, who won their third straight.

## Cardinals 11, Astros 2

At St. Louis, Albert Pujols hit a grand slam and a three-run homer to match a career high with seven RBIs, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to victory over the Houston Astros.

It was Pujols' 24th multihomer game and first since Aug. 16, 2008, against Cincinnati. He matched his career best for RBIs set Aug. 22, 2006, against the New York Mets.

## Padres 6, Giants 3

At San Diego, Jake Peavy struck out 10 in 8 1-3 innings, Adrian Gonzalez drove in three runs and Henry Blanco homered twice to lead San Diego to the win.

Peavy (1-1) was sharper than in the season opener on Monday when he got the decision in a 4-1 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He allowed three runs and seven hits against the Giants.

## Mets 8, Marlins 4

At Miami, Livan Hernandez used his off-speed stuff to take a shutout into the seventh inning and help the Mets hand the Marlins their first loss.

Florida had been the last undefeated team in the majors, but Hernandez tamed an offense that batted .309 and scored 31 runs as the Marlins won their first four games. Meanwhile, Ricky Nolasco (1-1) endured the poorest outing so far by a Florida starter, allowing four runs in five innings.

## Phillies 8, Rockies 4

At Denver, Brett Myers allowed three home runs in Philadelphia's win over Colorado, improving to 5-0 at Coors Field and 7-0 in eight career appearances against the Rockies.

The right-hander allowed four runs and four hits, including homers by Troy Tulowitzki, Garrett Atkins and Clint Barnes. Myers (1-1) struck out six and walked one as the defending World Series champions won for the second time in five games.

## Pirates 10, Reds 2

At Cincinnati, Paul Maholm allowed only three hits in seven innings and Ryan Doumit hit his first career grand slam—one of three Pittsburgh homers against Cincinnati.

Maholm (1-0) got his first road win since July 22, a stretch of futility that was more a reflection of Pittsburgh's offense than his pitching.

## Braves 5, Nationals 3

At Atlanta, the Braves' Kenshin Kawakami pitched six effective innings to win his major league debut.

Kawakami allowed three runs and four hits, walked four and struck out eight. The 33-year-old right-hander is the first Japanese-born player in franchise history.

## Cubs 6, Brewers 5

At Milwaukee, Alfonso Soriano made up for another poor performance by the Cubs' bullpen, smacking a go-ahead two-run homer in the ninth inning.

The Cubs entered the ninth trailing by a run, and Carlos Villanueva (1-1)—who is serving as the Brewers' closer while Trevor Hoffman recovers from a strained oblique muscle—opened the inning by getting Koyie Hill to fly out.

## Dodgers 11, Diamondbacks 2

At Phoenix, Orlando Hudson homered, doubled and drove in three runs against his former team, and the Dodgers spoiled Arizona's All-Star selection celebration.

Hudson hit his first home run of the season to break a scoreless tie in a three-run fourth inning, just hours after commissioner Bud Selig awarded Arizona the 2011 All-Star Game at an afternoon press conference at Chase Field.



# Whitmore to miss XTERRA Saipan—again

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For the second straight year, American triathlete Jamie Whitmore will not be competing in XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman Tirathlon.

Whitmore, who dominated the first three years of XTERRA Saipan, is undergoing cancer treatment.

But while she's fighting the dreaded disease, Whitmore had expressed her intention to return to Saipan in the future.

"She really wants to come here. Maybe next year depending on her progress," said Wolf Mojica of Tagaman Inc. during a visit at his office by four pro triathletes from Europe—Renata Bucher and Jim McConnel of Switzerland and Julie Dibens



and Sam Gardner of the United Kingdom.

Bucher said Whitmore always wanted to compete on Saipan just like all the other pros.

Dibens, meanwhile, said the

trails here will always be an exciting one for all pros no matter how tough they are.

Whitmore underwent a second surgery last July when doctors removed her entire left glu-

teus maximus.

It was her second surgery in three months for spindle-cell sarcoma, a rare and life-threatening cancer that, if not aggressively treated, can move quickly to the organs and effectively shut down the body.

The cancer was discovered as Whitmore was preparing for the 2008 XTERRA season.

Reports had it that doctors removed a tumor and nearly all of Whitmore's sciatic nerve in her left leg last April, limiting her neural function to the quadriceps and leaving her with little or no feeling.

The cancer then mounted a counterattack in July, forcing doctors to take out the entire muscle and the last piece of her nerve. Whitmore had to carry a pillow with her in order to sit without discomfort.

Whitmore won the 2007 XTERRA USA Championship, 2004 XTERRA World

and 2003/04 XTERRA European series.

She had an outstanding season as a rookie pro in both the XTERRA Triathlon Series and the Norba Mountain Bike Series.

For six straight years, she had been competing in XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman, dominating both events from 2002 to

2004 until Bucher relegated her to second places in 2005 and 2006 and third in 2007.

Whitmore took the Tagaman four times and the PIC Double also for four times. Although Bucher won the XTERRA in 2006, Whitmore won the Tagaman and the PIC Double, which capped her remarkable stint on Saipan.

## RYOSEI

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1:47.28 (Feb. 25, 2005).

Toda made these records after only joining Tsunami Saipan's beginners' class in 2007. About a year into the Tsunami Saipan program, he had already won two gold medals at the 2008 Guam Short Course Championships. Early this year, Toda topped his age group in the SSC Hep-tathlon Meet and SSC International Meet.

Yanai just turned eight in December and after four months is now a record-holder in the said age group, following his 37.47 seconds time in the 50m freestyle.

Yanai broke another 30-year mark from Sakovich, who timed in at 37.67 seconds in the 50m freestyle on April 5, 1979. Yanai just started swimming for Tsunami Saipan in February last year.

Hiroto's older brother, Kaito joined Tsunami Saipan a year earlier than the former and after about two years has joined his

sibling in the elite group.

Kaito set a new mark in the 200m individual medley in the 9 to 10 age group, timing in at 3:00.46. He crushed the 3:01.45 record Sakovich set on March 28, 1981.

It was Kaito's second record, as he also holds the 100m butterfly mark, posting 1:28.68 on March 7, 2009 during the SSC International Meet.

Tsunami Saipan president Stan Good and coach Hiro Kimura said these record-breaking performances would not be possible without the

support of the swimmers' parents and companies/individuals, who are still committed to help the club in these tough economic times.

Good added they are hoping more records will fall this year.

"Records are made to be broken. Tsunami Saipan hopes that legendary Saipan swimmer—Jonathan Sakovich—and his parents [Jean and Bill], the founders of Saipan swimming, are proud of the legacy and high standards they have created to guide our new generation of swimmers," Good said.

## VACOS

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Allen Joseph Calvo, Hanson Hambros, Willie Aguilar, and Jordan Igisomar. The coaching staff is composed of Tamino Martin and Typhoon Saito.

Runner-up Ayuyu is composed

of Albert Duenas, Alfredo Guevarra, Bofan Cabrera, Joseph Kumagai, Kimo Omar, Christian Aguon, Josh Jones, and Ramir Belialba.

In the battle for third, Ol'Aces defeated DARE, 20-17, 19-17.

Ol'Aces' roster is made up of Eugene Dillay, Jay Charley, Ryan Itchihara, Trevor Ogu-moro, Douglas Dillay, A.J.

Kileleman, Clayton Kenty, and D.J. Ngirchongor.

A total of six teams joined the boys' 18-and-under division, including the Kings and Hopwood.

WPS deposed 2008 champion Hilitai and grabbed the perpetual trophy in the 14-and-under division.

Playing for the new champion team were Joon Ko, Clay McCullough-Stearns, Christian Miller, Jake Lee, Cody Race, Tommy Choi, Aaron Lee, and Jae Ko.

In the 12-and-under division, Dandan prevailed over Kagman for its first taste of the perpetual trophy.

## NMASA

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male and male athletes awards.

Rastguiy of Whispering Palms was selected female student athlete of the month for her showings in the Kids Marianas Cup.

The 9-year-old student played for the Small Stars of coach Jeff Race and was the smallest player in the tournament. Besides the Kids Marianas Cup, Rastguiy also competed in the 9th Annual PIC/Gatorade Ten-

nis Championships, won in the girls' 10-and-under doubles, and was runner-up in the girls' 14-and-under doubles and singles.

Knecht of Saipan International School was the youngest member of the CNMI National Team that participated in last month's Asian Football Championships 2010 Preliminary Competition held in Guam.

The 16-year-old forward started in all of CNMI three matches in the EAFF qualifier. Knecht was among the stalwarts of the Commonwealth' defense in its games against Macau,

Mongolia, and Guam.

Kim, at 16, was also the youngest among the female golfers who joined the Juan "Pan" T. Guerrero and Joseph N. Camacho Fundraising Golf Tournament and she went on to rule the Ladies Flight of the fundraiser.

A participant in the 2008 Cal-laway Junior World Championships in San Diego, Kim was among the few golfers who shot in the 70s in the fundraiser at the Kingfisher Golf Links. She tallied a 1-over par 73 to beat 10 other female par busters in the

Ladies Flight and was at 10th place among 111 participants in the tournament.

Heo played in his first tennis tournament on Saipan this year and was up against a tough foe in former NCAA standout, Kirk Schuler.

Schuler, who played for Drake University, aimed for a streak after downing Jeff Race in the men's open singles of the Coconut Classic netfest in February. But Heo foiled Schuler's bid for back-to-back men's open singles crown with a 6-4, 6-0 win in their title duel in the

window of the trophy case, and forced their way into the office of Elias Rangamar," White said.

Rangamar works for the Division of Sports and Recreation and is also BANMI's president.

White added, the burglars took a brand new laptop Rep. Ed Salas donated last week for BANMI's administrative use.

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x-Philadelphia	40	39	.506	20
New Jersey	33	47	.412	27 1/2
New York	31	49	.388	29 1/2
Toronto	30	49	.380	30

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Cleveland	64	15	.810	-
x-Chicago	39	40	.494	25
x-Detroit	39	41	.487	25 1/2
Indiana	35	45	.438	29 1/2
Milwaukee	33	47	.412	31 1/2

##### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	58	22	.725	-
x-Atlanta	46	34	.575	12
x-Miami	41	38	.519	16 1/2
Charlotte	35	44	.443	22 1/2
Washington	19	61	.237	39

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	52	28	.650	-
x-San Antonio	51	28	.646	0 1/2
x-New Orleans	48	31	.608	3 1/2
x-Dallas	48	31	.608	3 1/2
Memphis	23	56	.291	28 1/2

##### Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Denver	53	27	.662	-
x-Portland	51	28	.646	1 1/2
x-Utah	47	32	.595	5 1/2
Minnesota	24	56	.300	29
Oklahoma City	22	58	.275	31

##### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-LA Lakers	63	17	.787	-
Phoenix	44	36	.550	19
Golden State	28	51	.354	34 1/2
LA Clippers	19	60	.241	43 1/2
Sacramento	16	63	.203	46 1/2

#### Yesterday's Games

Indiana 106, Detroit 102	
New Jersey 103, Orlando 93	
Phoenix 110, Minnesota 97	
Chicago 113, Charlotte 106	
Milwaukee 115, Oklahoma City 98	
Golden State 118, Utah 108	
Portland 87, L.A. Clippers 72	

x-Clinched Playoff Spot	
y-Division Champ	
z-Clinched Home Court	

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	5	1	.833	-
Baltimore Orioles	4	1	.800	0 1/2
New York Yankees	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Tampa Bay Rays	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Boston Red Sox	2	3	.400	2 1/2

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota Twins	3	3	.500	-
Detroit Tigers	3	3	.500	-
Chicago White Sox	2	3	.400	0 1/2
Kansas City Royals	2	3	.400	0 1/2
Cleveland Indians	0	5	.000	2 1/2

##### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle Mariners	4	2	.667	-
Texas Rangers	3	2	.600	0 1/2
Los Angeles Angels	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Oakland Athletics	2	3	.400	1 1/2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta Braves	4	1	.800	-
Florida Marlins	4	1	.800	-
New York Mets	3	2	.600	1

Philadelphia Phillies	2	3	.400	2
Washington Nationals	0	5	.000	4

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis Cardinals	4	2	.667	-
Chicago Cubs	3	2	.600	0
Pittsburgh Pirates	3	2	.600	0 1/2
Milwaukee Brewers	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Cincinnati Reds	1	3	.250	2
Houston Astros	1	4	.200	2 1/2

##### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego Padres	4	2	.667	-
Colorado Rockies	3	2	.600	0 1/2
Los Angeles Dodgers	3	3	.500	1
Arizona Diamondbacks	2	3	.400	1 1/2
San Francisco Giants	2	3	.400	1 1/2

#### Yesterday's Games

Detroit 4, Texas 3	
Toronto 5, Cleveland 4	
Seattle 8, Oakland 5	
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 0	
Boston 5, L.A. Angels 4	
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 0	
N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 1	
Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 2	
St. Louis 11, Houston 2	
N.Y. Mets 8, Florida 4	
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 5	
Atlanta 5, Washington 3	
Philadelphia 8, Colorado 4	
L.A. Dodgers 11, Arizona 2	
San Diego 6, San Francisco 3	

### MASTERS SCORES

#### THIRD ROUND

Angel Cabrera	68	68	69	205
Kenny Perry	68	67	70	205
Chad Campbell	65	70	72	207
Jim Furyk	66	74	68	208
Steve Stricker	72	69	68	209
Shingo Katayama	67	73	70	210
Rory Sabbatini	73	67	70	210
Todd Hamilton	68	70	72	210
Tim Clark	68	71	72	211
Sean O'Hair	68	76	68	212
Ian Poulter	71	73	68	212
Lee Westwood	70	72	70	212
Tiger Woods	70	72	70	212
Phil Mickelson	73	68	71	212
Stephen Ames	73	68	71	212
Nick Watney	70	71	71	212
Hunter Mahan	66	75	71	212
Anthony Kim	75	65	72	212
Steve Flesch	71	74	68	213
Camilo Villegas	73	69	71	213
Vijay Singh	71	70	72	213
Dustin Johnson	72	70	72	214
John Merrick	68	74	72	214
Geoff Ogilvy	71	70	73	214
Justin Rose	74	70	71	215
Larry Mize	67	76	72	215
Padraig Harrington	69	73	73	215
Sandy Lyle	72	70	73	215
Graeme McDowell	69	73	73	215
Aaron Baddeley	68	74	73	215
Sergio Garcia	73	67	75	215
Stuart Appleby	72	73	71	216
Rory McIlroy	72	73	71	216
Luke Donald	73	71	72	216
Ken Duke	71	72	73	216
Henrik Stenson	71	70	75	216
Ryuji Imada	73	72	72	217
Trevor Immelman	71	74	72	217
Robert Allenby	73	72	72	217
D.J. Trahan	72	73	72	217
Paul Casey	72	72	73	217
Dudley Hart	72	72	73	217
Bubba Watson	72	72	73	217
Ross Fisher	69	76	73	218
Ben Curtis	73	71	74	218
Andres Romero	69	75	77	221
Miguel Angel Jimenez	70	73	78	221
Rocco Mediate	73	70	78	221
Kevin Sutherland	69	76	77	222
Mike Weir	68	75	79	222

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that the facility had to undergo a major repair before it can host games in the Oceania caging.

Since the last quarter of 2009, BANMI has been coordinating with private and public sectors to

seek funding for the repairs, but has been getting slow responses. The association and the local organizing committee are hoping to start major works for the repairs before the month ends.

Now, after the burglary, organizers are appealing for an immediate response, as the Ada gym will be the main headquar-

ters for the Oceania caging.

Police are still investigating the incident, but according to White, the break-in happened at the administrative office at the main entrance of the gym.

"The individual (s) who did this ripped off the payphone cord from the payphone in the main entrance, used it to break the glass



# The Week in Sports

## Week of title games, record-breaking swims

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**T**itle-clinching games and record-breaking swims were some of the highlights of last week's sports events in the CNMI.

Dollar Days gained the championship in the 2009 Navy Hill Friendship Basketball League after beating KFC/Taco Bell in Game 3 of their title series, 97-83, at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Oleai Elementary School notched the tiara in the girls division of the 2009 Elementary School Interscholastic Basketball Tournament, following a 13-7 victory over San Vicente Elementary School.

Four other teams joined this year's caging, namely Tanapag Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, and William S. Reyes Elementary School.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Dollar Days' Kay Bernardo, left, goes for a layup against KFC/Taco Bell's Quincy Johnson during their title game in the Navy Hill caging at the Garapan Basketball Court last week.



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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan swimmers, who broke records during a dual meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi, pose for a group photo.



NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.  
British pro triathletes Julie Dibens and Sam Gardner show that they are in top shape for the 2009 XTERRA Saipan Championship.



NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.  
Members of the Oleai Elementary School team are all smiles after winning the girls championship of the 2009 Elementary School Interscholastic Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. Oleai beat San Vicente Elementary School for the tiara.



NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.  
Jets players and supporters gather at the mound following their 12-0 rout of Lion King last Sunday that virtually gave them the Senior League pennant of the 2009 Saipan Little League.

At the Pacific Islands Club hard courts, Guam Tennis Academy's Lency Tenai and Torgun Smith led eight other pairs in capturing doubles titles in the 9th Annual PIC/Gatorade Tennis Championships.

Tenai and Smith defeated Saipan-based players Kirk Schuler and Peter Loyola in the finals of the men's open doubles, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2.

Three teamed up in ruling the 5th Annual Miller Lite Mahi Fishing Derby with captain Manding Legaspi of *St. Patrick* and anglers Tony Maestro and Dong Salini catching a 19.70-lb mahi.

The mahi derby drew a record-field of 47 boats.

In the ongoing 2009 Saipan Little League Baseball competition, the Jets sealed the Senior League pennant after a 12-0 triumph over the Lion King.

The victory was the Jets 13th in 14 matches, widening their gap from the rest of the field.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Kensuke Kimura and Kai Staal did more than win during the Tsunami Saipan-Saipan Swim Club dual meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. They broke records in their respective age groups.

Kimura recorded two new marks in the boys' 11 to 12 age group. First to



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
MP United and Tan Holdings FC U13 players in action during the kick off of the spring youth league at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

fall was the boys' 11 to 12 800m free-style mark, as Kimura finished the race in 10 minutes, 5.85 seconds. Kimura bested by 18 seconds the previous record (10:23.35), which he himself set on Oct. 18, 2008.

Kimura's second record-breaking swim came in the 200m breaststroke, timing in at 3:00.46. Again, the 11-year-old swimmer broke his own mark by almost two seconds.

Staal, who set three records in the boys' 13 to 14 age group in February, moved up to the 15 to 16 division this month after turning 15, two months ago and still produced a record-breaking result. He timed in at 31.26 seconds in the 50m backstroke, passing Juan Camacho's 31.47 seconds set on June 29, 2006.

Also breaking records from Tsunami Saipan were Ryosei Toda, and Kaito and Hiroto Yanai.

In other events, three top profession-

al triathletes arrived on Saipan for this weekend's XTERRA Saipan Championship.

Julie Dibens, Renata Bucher, and Jim McConnell arrived on April 5 after their successful stint in the XTERRA Guam series.

While Saipan was busy with the arrival of off-island triathletes last week, Tinian played a gracious host to basketball teams of various hotels on Saipan.

Tinian Municipal Gymnasium hosted the semifinal round of the 2009 Bud-

weiser Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Invitational Basketball League.

Hyatt eked out a come-from-behind 96-92 win over Pacific Islands Club to notch the first finals seat, while Aqua Resort Club advanced to the championship game after dominating Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan/Saipan Grand Hotel, 97-92.

The Hyatt-Aqua title match will be played tonight.

Still in basketball, Docomo Pacific secured the first finals ticket in the 2009 BANMI/Budweiser Basketball League following an 81-79 win over Diamond Auto Care.

Docomo's finals foe will be known this week and the Budweiser caging is expected to conclude next week.

The 2009 NMIFA Spring Youth Football League is far from over, as it just kicked off on April 4.

MP United U8 Blue and Paire Foot-



NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.  
The crew of *St. Patrick* led by captain Manding Legaspi (holding the plaque) receive the first prize of \$1500 cash and gift certificates from Saipan Fishermen Association president Gene Weaver during the awards ceremony for the 5th Annual Miller Lite Mahi Fishing Derby Saturday at the Smiling Cove Marina.

ball Club were off to a good start in the spring league, which also features the Independents FC, Tan Holdings FC, and Matansa FC.

MP United U8 Blue dueled sister team U8 Silver at the Garapan Elementary School Field and prevailed, 3-0.

In the boys U13, Paire FC downed Independents FC, 1-0, at Hopwood Junior High School Field, while the former's U6, U8, and U10 teams also won their respective matches, but scores were not recorded.





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## Cabrera, Perry lead as drama builds at Masters

Kenny Perry took one last look at the leaderboard behind the 18th green at Augusta National. This was no time to relish his position at the top with Angel Cabrera, rather to consider what lies ahead.

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# Ryosei, Hiroto break oldest swim records

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**T**sunami Swimming Center Saipan's Ryosei Toda and Hiroto Yanai became the newest members of the elite group of record holders in CNMI swimming after competing in the Tsunami Saipan-Saipan Swim Club dual meet held on April 3 and 4 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Toda and Yanai were only the third and fourth swimmers to set records in the 8-and-under division, joining Kensuke Kimura and Jonathan Sakovich.

But what made Toda and Yanai's record-breaking



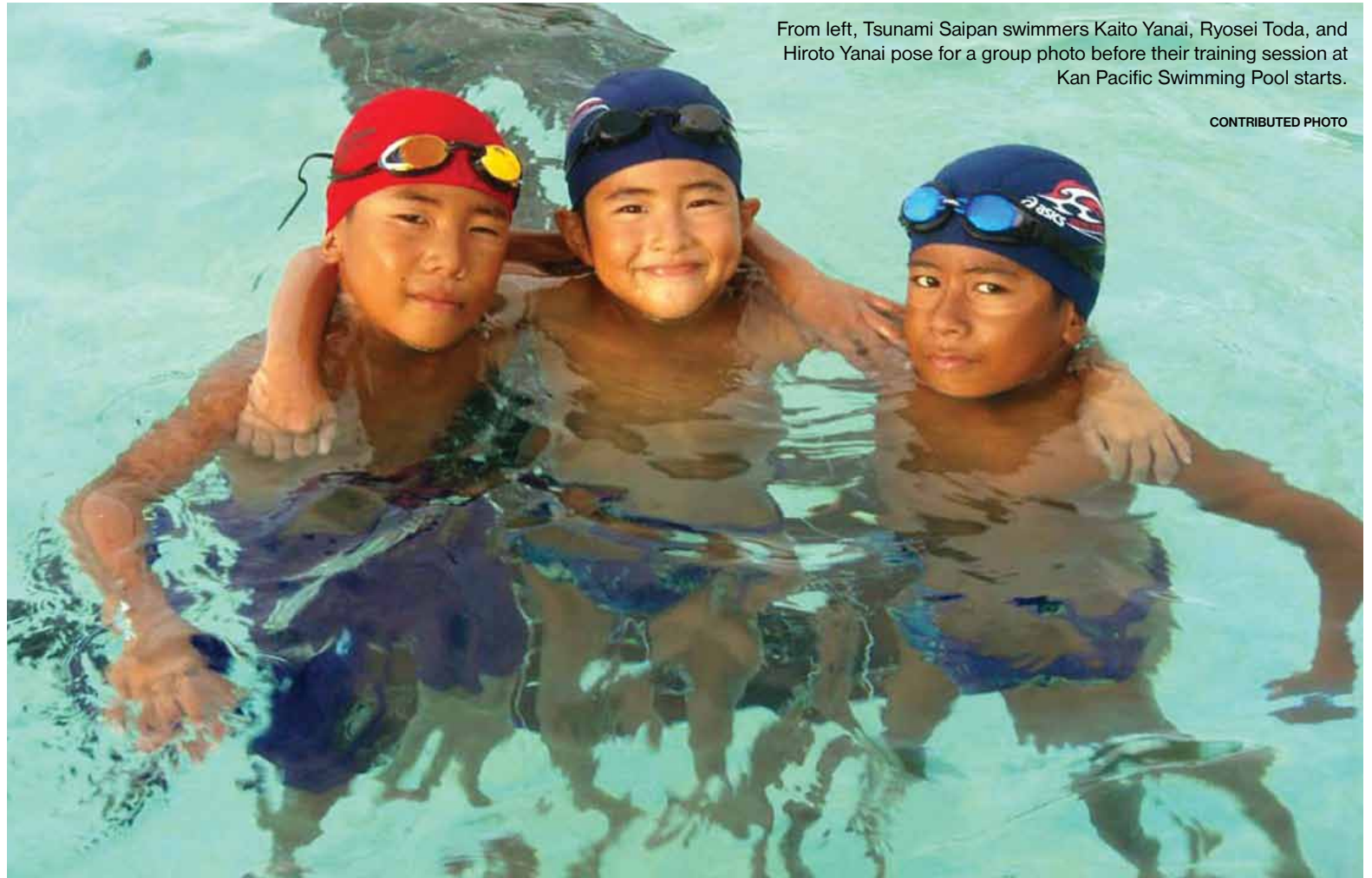
times even more special was these broke the oldest records in the history of CNMI swimming.

Toda timed in at one minute, 22.28 seconds in the 100m freestyle, shattering the 30-year mark of Sakovich. Sakovich's record was 1:23.57 set on April 5, 1979, according to a copy of Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Long Course Records *Saipan Tribune* received from Tsunami Saipan.

Sakovich's 30-year record in the 200m freestyle also fell when Toda submitted 2:58.06, eclipsing the former's 2:58.54 posted on April 5, 1979, too.

Toda was not done yet, as he went on to surpass Kimura's mark in the 100m breaststroke with the former clocking in at 1:46.19 against the latter's

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From left, Tsunami Saipan swimmers Kaito Yanai, Ryosei Toda, and Hiroto Yanai pose for a group photo before their training session at Kan Pacific Swimming Pool starts.

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## Vacos snares first volleyball crown



NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Joemil Lisua, left, of champion Vacos fails to block a return at the net by Alfredo Guevarra of runner-up Ayuyu in the finals of the boys' 18-and-under division of the Spring Break Volleyball Festival last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Vacos won the championship of the boys' 18-and-under division of the 2nd Annual Youth Spring Break Volleyball Festival following grueling two-set victory over Ayuyu, 26-24, 25-21, last Saturday at the Gilbert Ada Gymnasium.

Whispering Palms School took the 14-and-under title, while Dandan triumphed in the 12-and-under.

Frandlee Tito and Joemil Lisua took charge at

the net with crisp spikes, while Jordan Marciano and John Nekaifes were steady with their serves, as Vacos defused Ayuyu's late rallies on both sets.

Early in the first set, Vacos erased a 0-4 deficit with six straight points with Nekaifes serving for a 6-4 lead and the team never yielded control after that.

Vacos squandered a set point following a wide return by Tito, a clean block by Ayuyu's defense, and a long spike by Lisua before winning the first set.

It was also a close game in the second set, but after showing more aggressiveness at the net, Vacos held the lead most of the way.

The other members of the champion team are

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## NMASA names top athletes for March



Heo



Kim



Rastguiy



Knecht

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Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association named the four recipients of the Athlete of the Month awards for March during its

monthly meeting Thursday night at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Making the list were Neghar Rastguiy, Lucas Knecht, Leina Kim, and Ji Hoon Heo.

Rastguiy and Knecht claimed the student athletes plums, while Kim and Heo took the fe-

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## Ada Gym burglarized, new laptop missing

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The Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium was burglarized yesterday morning, prompting a sports official to appeal for public and private support on the immediate major repairs of the facility.

The Ada gym is one of the venues for the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament, which will be held in June. The other venue is the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Gabriel White of Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands said the incident on Easter Sunday should be a wake-up call to the CNMI government and other concerned parties, as the Ada gym seriously needs attention with the Commonwealth about three months away from hosting a regional event.

In October last year, FIBA Oceania secretary general Steve Smith made an ocular inspection on the gym, which according to him did not meet the standard for hosting a tournament as big as the Oceania caging. The Oceania tournament will bring teams from Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Fiji, Tahiti, Guam, and Palau to Saipan.

Smith then recommended

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